

Weather

Snow flurries this afternoon northeast, otherwise partly cloudy with a chance of flurries and highs in the teens and 20s. Chance of flurries tonight northeast with lows 5 to 15. Partly cloudy Friday with highs mostly in the 20s.

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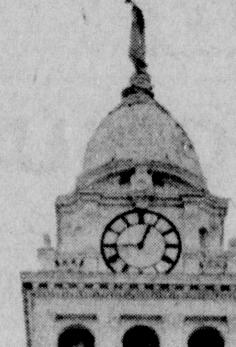
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In attempt to balance \$100,000 deficit

Budget cut proposals presented to Council

By GEORGE MALEK

"It will be readily apparent to the reader of this document that the tax effort of this community is insufficient to support the level of services currently provided."

These words by City Manager George H. Shapter are contained in his introduction to the 90-page 1976 budget for Washington C.H.

The budget outlines 1975 expenses, 1976 estimated revenue, and 1976 estimated expenditures. The document was presented to Washington C.H. City Council Tuesday and discussed at Wednesday night's Council meeting.

The first striking figure to be found in the "financial report" of the city is a total estimated deficit of \$103,983.27 in the general fund at the conclusion of 1976. According to the report, the city will lack more than \$100,000 of paying its bills for the coming year — even after the city manager trimmed \$35,151

from the budget in areas which he felt would not greatly injure area residents.

Included in the trimmings are suggestions that street lighting be cut by 75 per cent, the city recreation program be almost entirely eliminated and that the city contribute no funds to the operation and maintenance of the Washington Cemetery.

In his opening statements to City Council, Shapter noted that the city lawmakers are under no obligation to accept his recommendations. He added that the group may well wish to retain all of these expenditures and make other cuts instead.

By simply reinserting them in the budget, the total deficit becomes \$139,134.27. Several avenues are available to recover this amount, the city manager said. He then offered another possible trimming process. He took his plan in three stages, cutting

more deeply in to the city's expenditures each time.

Shapter started by not employing police officers to replace two officers who are retiring later this month, saving \$20,321; the hospitalization, retirement benefits and other benefits of those two policemen, saving \$3,000; cut conference and training schools for police by 66 per cent, \$1,000; don't buy two police cruisers, \$15,000; delete contingency for matching Administration of Justice Division funds, \$3,000; drop \$1,000 from fire safety equipment; eliminate \$2,000 of budget for feeding prisoners; eliminate consultant on land use planning \$3,000; cut capital outlay in auditor's office, \$600; and dismiss the janitor from the city office building, \$5,000. These yield a total savings of \$53,921.

With \$83,213 left to trim, the second round began. Cut telephone service to the police department, the fire

department, the city building and the Municipal Court in half, saving \$3,500; trim police communications equipment by \$1,000; dismiss two firemen, \$18,000, and related benefits, \$2,500; cut the annual uniform allowance from \$150 to \$75 for police officers and firemen, \$2,900; eliminate the advertising of ordinances in the newspaper and other administrative costs, \$3,000; cut the use of part-time judges in Municipal Court in half, \$4,500; and dismiss one deputy clerk of court, \$5,000. Total savings of these actions is \$40,400.

The budget is now only \$42,813 short of balancing. Shapter said. In the third round, \$15,000 realized as income from municipal parking lot No. 1 can be used in the general fund rather than to pay off debts of the lot, and perhaps \$30,749 of revenues in the street construction and repair fund could be used for items which are now paid out of the general fund. Placing these monies in the general fund adds \$45,749.

When all these are combined, the general fund will show a balance at the end of 1976 of \$2,936, and the parking lot fund will show a balance of \$6,000, and the street fund will be broke.

Each of these cuts presents a drawback to taxpayers, Shapter said, and in many cases it will be monetary. Cutting policemen will probably create a rise in crime and theft losses, cutting firemen will mean an increase in homeowners' insurance rates, cutting telephone services means callers may have to wait to obtain an open line, eliminating the police contingency means equipment which might be available a 10 per cent of cost due to federal funding cannot be bought, cutting conference costs means policemen will not be as informed about current procedures and technology, and reducing the cost of feeding prisoners by one-third means that pity must be extended to anyone who is arrested — but something has to give, he emphasized.

Maybe the Council would rather save \$20,000 by firing the city manager, or find other means of trimming the budget, he said. Becoming very conservative, Shapter stated that "not all city services are A-1." Many things could be done with a little more class, but that takes more money, he added. The citizens, through their votes, have indicated that the level of services is too high, and therefore some type of extensive cutting is in order.

The city manager also noted that the budget presented is based on several estimates of revenue which may or may not meet the projections. He cited Municipal Court revenue as one example. This year's income from court fines is approximately \$145,000, or double the expense of maintaining the court. The 1976 estimated revenue is \$140,000. If the number of violators or fines is lower than expected, the revenue will also be less. While expenditure of this money for city operation is completely justified, basing the city's operating expenses on an assumption that this money will be available paints a sorry picture of city finances, he concluded.

The city manager explained that the budget report is divided by section. After a few pages of budget summaries, a more detailed accounting of each individual fund is presented. Then in the pages following that section, a very detailed breakdown of each sub-account is listed.

Every individual classification of city employees is listed, the number of persons in that position is listed, and the total salary is given. Other department expenditures are broken down in a similar manner.

For example, the office of the city solicitor is a sub-heading of general governmental services. Listed under the sub-heading are his salary for 1975 and 1976, Public Employee Retirement System costs, health benefits payment (which are not provided and show no expense), workman's compensation costs, rental of office space, additional professional service, costs, printing costs, office supply costs and others.

COUNCIL MEMBERS then offered their comments on the budget and the city's financial status.

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Served nearly 25 years

Capt. Foster sets retirement to end a long law career

By MARK THELLMANN

The second officer in command at the Washington C.H. Police Department is scheduled to enter into retirement.

Police Capt. Charles A. Foster, 528 Campbell St., a veteran of nearly 25 years of service, will retire alongside Sgt. Virgil Harris from the Washington C.H. police force effective Dec. 21.

"I got started in police work when I joined the Ohio Highway Patrol auxiliary, a program of the American Legion," Foster said. "That same year I was appointed marshall of the village of Bloomingburg and soon after that went to work as a Fayette County sheriff's deputy." Foster served as a deputy under former Fayette County Sheriff Orland (Tubby) Hayes.

Foster, a native of Bloomingburg who has been dedicated to police work since 1948 when he was appointed town marshall of that Fayette County village, switched over to the Washington C.H. police department's 11-man force in mid-March of 1951. "There was an opening and they (the city) paid more than the county," the captain stated.

The 56-year-old Foster is a graduate of the Ohio Alcometer School at Capital University in 1957; the 25th Law Enforcement Officer's Police Academy in 1961; several in-service training sessions conducted over the past 24 years; the Ohio Regional Crime Control clinic, Ohio Law Enforcement Officer's Training and Red Cross first aid courses.

"I trained at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation school when I was with the sheriff's department serving as the only field deputy," Foster added. "That's when I moved from Bloomingburg into town — right into the jail residence the county provided. Sheriff Hayes and his wife, who was acting matron and the office deputy, then were able to move out into a house. Then two years later I joined the police department," explained Foster, who has been married to former Jean Smith for the past 38 years. The couple has three children.

A promotion to the rank of sergeant came three years after joining the department (1954) and three years later Foster acquired his present rank of captain. He explained that serving as captain is much like being vice president because "you're second in command as long as the chief of police is on the scene."

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'Squeaky' Fromme gets life term for assassination bid

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, in a courtroom scene as frenetic and confused as her trial, was sentenced to life in prison for trying to kill President Ford.

The red-haired, 27-year-old defendant struggled with federal marshals, screamed at the judge and threw an apple at the prosecutor during her sentencing Wednesday. The judge said she could not be rehabilitated.

Miss Fromme, a follower of mass murderer Charles Manson, replied she could not be rehabilitated because she had done nothing wrong.

"I'm satisfied that you deserve a punishment as harsh as the deed you contemplated," U.S. District Court Judge Thomas MacBride said as he handed down the penalty. "You cannot be rehabilitated."

"That's true," Miss Fromme screamed. "I didn't do anything wrong."

The sentence is the strongest the defendant could have received under a federal law against attempted assassination of a president. She is the first person to be tried under the statute.

She will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

The small, feisty defendant was convicted Nov. 26 of attempting to kill Ford when he visited Sacramento on Sept. 5. Secret Service agents said she pointed a .45-caliber pistol at the President from a distance of two feet as he shook hands with well-wishers along a walkway outside the state Capitol.

Miss Fromme demanded during the hearing Friday that Manson be freed and said society's lack of concern for the environment had forced her to act.

"You just said that the only way to get their attention is to do something drastic," she told MacBride.

"I have stood with a gun and said,

"Don't make me shoot" and you keep saying, 'Do it. Do it.' You are asking for it."

MacBride said after hearing evidence in the case he was "convinced that (Miss Fromme) could murder or would cause others to murder in a distorted conviction that only violence can save our natural resources."

"I would suggest to you that our most precious natural resource is a human life," he said. Killing the President, he added, "would have impoverished our nation."

After sentence was pronounced, Miss Fromme struggled with deputy marshals who tried to escort her from the room. She shouted "don't push" and as the door closed behind her, she let out a scream.

Her former roommate, Sandra Good, stood up in the spectators' section and shouted "you animals" as officers forced Miss Fromme toward the door.

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CHRISTMAS IS WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT THE PAST FORGOTTEN AND THE PRESENT REMEMBERED



MRS. SUSAN LINK

For the past six months, Mrs. Link has coordinated the company's commercial department training program and as a spokesperson on public issues.

First woman to hold post here

New Ohio Bell manager selected

for service representatives in Columbus, Zanesville and Steubenville.

She joined the firm in 1969 as a service representative in Columbus and was promoted to instructor a year later. Following her marriage, she was transferred to the Pacific Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. and worked as a service representative in Oakland, Calif., while her husband completed his service with the U.S. Navy.

Returning to Columbus in 1971, she resumed her career with the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. and worked her way up, serving as a clerk-typist, service representative, training instructor and assistant commercial manager.

Born in Columbus, Mrs. Link, the former Susan Arthur, is a graduate of Big Walnut High School in Sunbury, Ohio. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University before joining the Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

She is active with the Columbus Curtain Players Little Theatre, presently serving as the organization's news letter editor.

She and her husband, Michael, will be moving to Washington C.H. within a month.

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Deaths, Funerals

Edmond S. Woodmansee

Edmond Sanders Woodmansee, 53, of 232 E. Market St., a Washington C.H. attorney, died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday in Whetstone Convalescent Center, Columbus, where he had been a patient one week. He had been in failing health for four years.

Born in Fayette County, Mr. Woodmansee had resided in Washington C.H. his entire life. His parents were the late Glenn H. and Lucile A. Sanders Woodmansee.

A World War II veteran, he was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Washington C.H. Rotary Club, the Fayette County, Ohio and American bar association, a 32nd-degree Mason, Washington Blue Lodge No. 107, and Aladdin Shrine of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Elsa P. Woodmansee; two daughters, Mrs. Tove Albert of Columbus, and Wendy, at home; and a sister, Mrs. John L. (Wilm) Leland of 520 Mayfair Drive. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Dove and the Rev. Allen Paffenberger officiating. Burial will be in Washington Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Gerstner-Kinzer Funeral Home from 3 to 5 and until 9 p.m. Friday. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the memorial fund at the Grace United Methodist Church.

Albert Davis

NEW HOLLAND — Albert Davis, 57, of 407 W. Front St., New Holland, was pronounced dead on arrival at Fayette County Memorial Hospital at 7 p.m. Wednesday after suffering an apparent heart attack in his home.

Born in Ross County, Mr. Davis moved to New Holland 18 years ago from Springfield. He was employed as a supervisor at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Washington C.H. Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lois Whitmer; a daughter, Mrs. Kevin (Barbara) Jones, of New Holland; two brothers, Woodrow Davis, of Springfield, and Eugene Davis, of Chillicothe, and two sisters, Mrs. Cora Cutlip, of Dayton, and Mrs. Elnora Erskine, of Baltimore, Md.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Kirkpatrick Funeral Home, New Holland, with the Rev. Victor Slutz officiating. Burial will be in New Holland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Harold Malear

RICHMOND, Ky. — Mrs. Jamie Malear, 59, of 205 Woodford Dr., B.R., Ky., died at 5 a.m. Thursday in Patty A. Clay Hospital, Richmond, Ky.

The former owner-operators of the One-Hour Martiniing operation here, the Malears moved to Kentucky some 10 years ago.

Mrs. Malear is survived by her husband Harold; a son, Clinton of Richmond; one sister who resides in Kentucky and two granddaughters.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Oldem, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home, Richmond, Ky.

Findlay woman faces prison term

FINDLAY, Ohio (AP) — A 50-year-old Findlay woman has been convicted of aggravated arson in an apartment fire last summer.

Kathleen Conley was found guilty Tuesday after a two-day trial in Hancock County court. She was arrested for allegedly setting a fire July 18 during a period when a series of blazes erupted downtown.

Fire department rescues man, dog

POMEROY, Ohio (AP) — The fire department rescued a man who tried to be his dog's best friend Tuesday.

A fire department spokesman said Richard Freeman and his teen-age son were hunting on a ridge when their dog slipped over the hill and landed on a ledge 40 feet below.

Freeman lowered himself to the ledge to rescue the dog and became stranded himself.

The son called firemen who lowered a sling to rescue dad and dog.

Rate to increase Jan. 1

Ford veto sustained

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today sustained President Ford's veto of a bill extending 1975 income tax cuts, virtually assuring that most working Americans will pay higher income taxes beginning New Year's Day.

The vote was 265 to 157 with two members voting present. The tally was 17 votes short of the two-thirds majority necessary to override a veto.

If the existing tax cut law dies on schedule, the typical worker's tax will increase \$3 to \$4 a week starting Jan. 1.

Prior to the vote, House Speaker Carl Albert accused the White House of trying to "brainwash the Republicans" by telling them that they will get some kind of bill anyway.

Death of the bill means an automatic January jump in most Americans' taxes unless some emergency legislation is worked out between now and New Year's Day.

Ford opposed the bill on grounds it did not contain a provision imposing a ceiling on federal expenditures.

The President used his 41st veto on

Wednesday to block the tax bill, which extends 1975 tax cuts into the first six months of 1976. He had warned Congress in advance that he would veto the measure if it did not contain a provision for a spending ceiling for 1977.

Both houses must muster the two-thirds vote necessary to override the veto or the 1975 tax cuts will end automatically on Dec. 31.

The House effort was considered to be the key test because the override vote was expected to be close. There appeared to be little doubt that the Senate would override. Senate leaders said they would schedule a vote for Thursday if the House voted to override.

But Ford, delivering his veto statement in the White House press room, expressed hope that his veto would stand.

"I must return this bill to Congress, but this does not mean your tax bill must go up next year," Ford said. He said Congress still could send him a new bill containing the restrictions on 1977 spending.

House Republican Leader John J. Rhodes told reporters he had not counted heads, but "while I think there is a clear indication sustaining of the veto is possible, it is not conclusive." Ford, Rhodes added, is "very intent in doing everything he can to sustain the veto."

Earlier, however, House Speaker Carl Albert said chances appeared "pretty good" for an override vote. While he had no advance vote count, Albert added, "I sense ... that quite a few Republicans would like to be re-elected next year."

Computed at annual revenue levels, the bill would for six months extend \$14.87 billion worth of tax cuts for individuals and \$1.95 billion for corporations.

Since becoming President Aug. 9, 1974, Ford has vetoed 41 bills. Of his first 40 vetoes, 11 were pocket vetoes that Congress had no chance to override. There was no override attempt on 13 others. Ford has been overridden seven times and sustained nine times.

Hearing set on tax freeze plan

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that Council has had only a day to digest the 90-page report, and a great deal of study is necessary before a reasonable course of action can be charted. He suggested a special meeting to review the financial situation.

Council chairman Ralph L. Cook took a generally optimistic position on city financing and stated that the June election could bring financial relief from the voters. Apparently, he feels that some sort of revenue issue could be presented and approved by city leaders.

Mrs. Bertha McCullough, after qualifying that she was opposed in principle, said some money might be saved temporarily by laying off policemen and firemen and then rehiring them a month later under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. She noted that Columbus has employed this technique to use federal funds to operate the city. The strongest objection to this comment was meted by the city manager who called it a terrible way of undermining the objectives of the CETA program. It was also noted that the city does not have approved job openings for such positions under the CETA program.

The final comment from Council was offered by Billie Wilson, who stated quite complacently that he has heard the same old story at budget time each of his six years on Council.

Phil Tatman, 437 Warren Ave., was the only person who spoke during the call to taxpayers. He stated that if city residents had been able to hear and see just half of the details presented during the discussion during the past five years, the moral of the taxpayers would be much higher.

In the past, he said, all that was said was that the city needed money. They then saw that it had been spent and that the city was still broke. No one ever knew where the money had gone, he emphasized. Many residents, including myself, will now be willing to support the city, he said.

Tatman concluded by saying, as had several members of Council, that the city manager is to be highly commended for the thorough research which was evident in the budget report, and for the clear and concise manner of presentation of the budget, both written and oral.

Expenditures will be watched very carefully in the future, Shapter said, and only money specifically appropriated by Council will be spent. With a complete budget available each year outlining past expenditures and estimates of the coming year in detail, every citizen should be able to see where every dollar went, he stated.

He noted that two copies of the budget will be available in the city office building and will be accessible to public inspection.

Cincinnati, abstaining until he could discuss the matter with legislative leaders, he said.

Abercrombie, who served as director of agriculture under former Democratic Gov. John J. Gilligan, otherwise said he objected to the governor "interfering with the business of this board."

Although some legal and other questions remain, the governor wants the board to adopt rules that would freeze property valuations for tax purposes at their Jan. 1, 1975 levels.

He said the move would bring a halt to a current system under which county auditors increase tax bills annually to take into the account increased property tax values resulting from inflation.

Charles S. Lopeman, board chairman, and Republican member Robert Boyd of Columbus authorized a journal entry which provides for the plan to be explained in newspaper advertisements prior to the Jan. 22 hearing. Only after the hearing can the board vote on adoption, Lopeman said.

Rhodes stressed that his plan would not interfere with the right of local governments and school districts to submit tax increases to their voters. He said inflation-caused increases have forced real estate taxpayers to shell out \$1.25 billion in the past six years, and could cost them \$200 million more in the

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next two years. He called it "a crushing burden."

Some of the feared legal entanglements might involve the state's on-going reappraisal program, under which each of the 88 counties is formally reappraised each six years. In the current cycle of reappraisals, begun in 1972, a total of 30 counties have not had their completed.

Lopeman conceded a possible challenge under the U.S. Constitution taking note that nearly two-thirds of the counties were "cut off" from the freeze after already being reappraised during the cycle.

The chairman expressed the opinion that the board has the authority to implement Rhodes' plan under the Ohio Constitution, but suggested at the same time that an amendment be adopted within the next two years to make the freeze permanent. The governor said he plans to discuss such an amendment with legislative leaders.

So far, there has been little reaction to the governor's proposal, primarily since the details of it haven't been widely circulated. Abercrombie told fellow board members Wednesday "I don't see it until this morning."

John Hall, chief lobbyist for the Ohio Education Association, noting that school district revenues would be affected, said it should be recognized that "because of inflation, we'd have to find some other tax source to pay for our schools."

Rhodes raps schools for funding requests

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — In a wide-ranging attack on current spending for Ohio public schools, Gov. James A. Rhodes has called for "drastic adjustments" to put a rein on state aid in the face of declining enrollments.

"It is hard for me to understand why we are spending twice as much money for education today to serve 194,227 students than we had in 1971," Rhodes said.

At the same Wednesday news conference, the governor's budget director, Howard Collier said the state would have to delay payment of the \$57 million December basic aid subsidy to Ohio's 617 school districts.

Rhodes said "the concept of hiring more teachers for fewer students is beyond the state's ability to finance in future years."

"I am convinced that education is going to have to tighten its belt and provide better fiscal management or we are going to face the worst financial crisis in education in the history of Ohio," he said.

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New vinyl chloride regulations pushed

WASHINGTON (AP) — New regulations proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency would reduce by 90 per cent the vinyl chloride in the air near dozens of industrial plants around the nation, the agency says.

The chemical causes cancer, EPA officials said.

The plastics industry agreed on Tuesday when the rules were announced that "rigorous emission controls are in the public interest."

But it disputed EPA's assertions of risk to persons living near the plants.

An estimated \$198 million in new pollution-control equipment will be needed, EPA said, when the rules take effect in the spring.

The chemical, which came into increasingly wider use in the early 1950s, is used in the manufacture of a broad array of products, including shoes, garden hoses, electrical wiring, heavy coats, phonograph records, upholstery, sporting goods and flooring.

EPA Administrator Russell E. Train said that 58 plants would be affected by the regulations, and some may close because of them.

Train said that between one and 20 deaths from cancer attributable to vinyl chloride exposure have been recorded, but researchers have

determined that it takes 20 years for the cancer to appear.

"All these considerations led us to the conclusion that we should take action now to reduce exposure levels to vinyl chloride before it may become too late," Train said.

Ralph L. Harding Jr., president of the Society of the Plastics Industry, said, "We do not believe that there is any current, nor has there been any past risk to the health of individuals residing in the proximity of vinyl chloride resin plants."

He noted that most of the concern over health risks has been focused on plant workers, and the Labor Department has issued its own vinyl chloride regulations on those aspects.

Train said clear medical evidence shows the chemical as the cause of a rare liver cancer, other cancers and other diseases but no firm statistics are yet available on how much exposure is dangerous.

He listed, as plants that have indicated they will close, one in Hicksville, N.Y., owned by the Occidental Petroleum Co., and Union Carbide's Janet Corp. plants in Torrance, Calif., Tucker, Ga., and Somerset, N.J.

Union Carbide said, however, it could meet the EPA standards and had no plans to close the plants.

Arthritis volunteer group forming in Fayette County

An organizational meeting was held recently at Fayette County Memorial Hospital to form a volunteer branch of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Frank Hirsch and Robert Lincoln, staff members of the foundation's Columbus office, presented facts concerning arthritis and displayed various self-help devices for patients in addition to helping organize the branch group.

The 16 Fayette County residents present for the meeting were Cyrene Carie, Marianne Chizmar, Kay Collins, Miss Helen Coyle, Mrs. William Dillon, Anna Ruth Ehrhart, Mrs. Florence Fichthorn, Mrs. Kenneth Haneberg, Dena Howard, Mrs. Frances Hyer, Mrs. William Malone, Margaret Mendenhall, Edna M. Moore, Charline Smith, Florence B. Smith and Mrs. Dan Williams.

Mrs. Malone was appointed as the temporary chairperson of the group.

Fluoridation readied

CINCINNATI (AP) — City Council Wednesday paved the way for fluoridation, scheduled to begin in mid-February, by voting 8-1 to accept a legal opinion which recommended dropping further appeals.

The only no vote came from Republican Councilman Walter C. Beckjord, who asked that other remedies be investigated.

Cincinnati is one of the last major cities in Ohio without fluoridation. Anti-fluoridationists here have strongly opposed use of the chemical to treat the water as a method of fighting tooth

decay.

Council was informed Tuesday by City Solicitor Thomas A. Luebbers that there were no grounds upon which the city could seek to set aside the Ohio Supreme Court decision.

Before the vote was taken, Council heard fluoridation for Marge Kling, representing the Ohio Chapter, National Association Pro America, suggest that fluoridation is illegal under the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Councilman James T. Luken labeled her argument "purely academic."

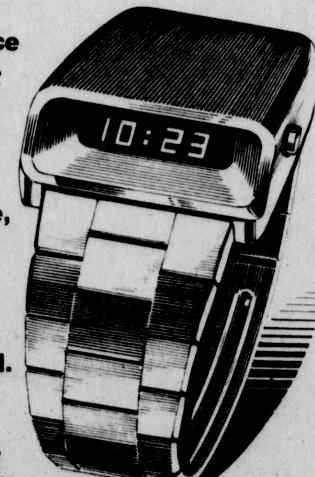


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"CRUNCH"—Billed as "Cincinnati's Rock Band" they will be out of the Queen City for a short engagement at Sounds Unlimited on S. Fayette Street. Bring your dancing shoes—these boys get you out of your seat! Pictured left to right

are: keyboard artist, Kevin Terry; lead guitarist, Jim Caliguri; vocalist, Dave Carr; bass player, Bill Traug and drummer, Fred Bauer. See them Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 18-21.

'Crunch' has pro punch!

Editor's note: The following story concerns a group billed as "Cincinnati's Rock Band," not because of a cheap publicity ploy, but because so many big city bands are going into jazz experimentation or the disco sound or "Top 40" middle-of-the-road. To hear a good rock band anymore, you have to go to a top name rock concert, which is fine except you pay \$5-\$6 and can't dance too well in your seat. "Crunch," it is rock and "Crunch" is good. As a bonus, they are appearing at Sounds Unlimited on S. Fayette Street Thursday through Sunday. If you have a couple of bucks in your pocket, go! They are well worth it!

John Luebbe sat back on the couch and sighed. "Unloading and setting up some \$30,000 of sound and lighting equipment sure gives you a workout!" he exclaimed.

The 28-year-old mix-man for a band who calls themselves (upon the lead guitarist's spontaneous suggestion one evening) "Crunch" had finished doing just that along with the five other band members and a couple roadies at Sounds Unlimited on S. Fayette Street. They came from Cincinnati to do the gig and all but one group member was due back in the Queen City to work a day job the following morning—it was now nearing midnight. But that's how the sound equipment and lighting was paid for and when you're starting out, this seems to be the only way, according to John.

Certain members of "Crunch" have been jamming friends for three years, but the complete group has been together only one year—in fact their anniversary will be Jan. 1, 1976.

They bill themselves as "Cincinnati's Rock Band," because they are. Rock bands are becoming anachronisms with the deserved recognition of jazz coming about and the new disco sound sending the air molecules into a still newer musical vibration and even some places converting to folk in small version coffee-shop-bars: get a sandwich and a beer, sit, talk and listen to the ballads of Dylan and Peter, Paul and Mary once more.

"Music is in a state of perpetual change," John stated, "but we feel we are fulfilling a specific niche. Rock will never die and we are helping keep it alive."

Part of the longevity "Crunch" is providing rock can be traced to the care they give this type of music. If you are this far into the article, you must have some interest in rock so I'm going to ask how many times you've heard a rock band whose ego problems overshadowed their musicianship? They became louder and louder as they tried to overplay each other through sheer amplitude and everything turned into what sounded like a zoo burning down and your ears buzzed for two days! That's no fun and it's plain dangerous. Many musicians, groupies, and avid concert goers are realizing they're going deaf and by 40 they may be. Imagine, never being able to hear the music you loved so much ever again!

"That's where I come in," John smiled and explained, "as the mixer, I am in complete control of the volume of the five instruments. I sit there in front of my control board and make sure all parts are coming through. You want to hear the bass part, then listen and it's there! Then when one of the members has a solo, I give him a little more power because it's his time to shine," John stated.

Jim Caliguri

"At the age of 12, I remember the Beatles as being the only group alive and everyone buying guitars and attempting to emulate them. I admit, I did too, but I stuck with it and after awhile found I had the gift of playing by ear. I also had some lessons way back then. Then my musical interests broadened and I heard great guitarists like Hendrix and Richie Blackmore, "Deep Purple's" guitarist and my homework assignments were given to me by them," Jim mused. "I'm now pretty excited by the guitarist in a relatively new group called "UFO" - more homework!"

Jim explained the group holds practice sessions during which no actual practicing is done.

"We get together and play albums until dawn sometimes. The songs we dig, we play over and over analyzing audience appeal, how they fit into our gig and how difficult they are to do, plus if we lack the proper instrumentation will we be able to cover for it without sounding empty. If we get all these things under control and decide to work it into our repertoire, then we start practicing!" Jim explained.

Jim is a pattern maker at a Cincinnati foundry during the daylight hours.

Dave Carr

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Behind the scenes

The National Convention for the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) was to be held here in Washington C.H. Lloyd Reese, superintendent of the city school system, had invited the nationally known organization here for their meeting in the new auditorium. Through the help of the WPA and the citizens of Washington C.H. the old high school building which had served since the late 1800's had been replaced with the erection of a new gymnasium, new central grade school and a high school auditorium. The first opening of the auditorium was to be for the PTA and Dorothy Turnipseed, local president, served as hostess and executive of the national organization.

Mr. Reese had known I was interested and active in anything having to do with theaters and auditoriums and even though I was only a freshman or sophomore in school he asked if I would prepare a patriotic setting on the new state for this important meeting. Some of the lights and all of the curtains arrived only hours before the meeting. All night work sessions with electricians and stage hands were necessary to get the auditorium ready.

A beautiful silk American flag was purchased for the auditorium and the largest electric fan in the city was borrowed from the Klever Funeral Home. All the border lights and footlights were hung and connected the night before the convention was to



with don riber

open. The one spotlight arrived early that morning and seconds before the first green velvet curtain was opened, the stage was at last ready.

During the next few months the permanent seats were installed and once again Mr. Reese had enough faith and trust in me to ask if I would like to write a show to be presented for the general public at a dedication of the new auditorium and the new organ

which was given by various organizations and through the collection of sales tax stamps. Sally Keck (now Mrs. Robert Hagerty) was the high school drama coach; F.L. Obee, the speech teacher and Mr. Robert Taylor, the debate coach and speech teacher. They were to prepare the dedication portion of the performance and I got to write and direct a student musical portion of that opening. Karl Kay was to play the organ and Paul Fitzwater and his wife were to train the student musicians vocally and instrumentally.

I still have the mimeographed program! Helen Ivy sang George Gershwin's "The Man I Love" and I can still remember building a stage sidewalk, street lamp and making snow fall from above the state just for that number. Loring Brock (now Doctor Brock in Colorado) was one of the Indians as was Jim Braun who operates a farm near Good Hope. Eleanor Paul sang "Indian Love Call" for them. Elda Jane Mossbarger (Now Mrs. Eugene Heath) and Patty Maddux (Now Mrs. Guy Briggs) were two of the seven television models who came walking down through a cloud of false smoke. The smoke was created with some kind of potassium in special burners prepared by the chemistry department and Mr. Kay. Dick Powell was the student to perform on the organ and I wonder if anyone remembers the finale as I do? The year was 1941—December 5, 1941.

Patriotic music and national pride was at a height seldom equalled at that time and the finale consisted of the entire cast forming a "V" on that stage and then in total darkness they started singing "Land of Hope and Glory" set to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" march. With the organ playing, piano and orchestra accompanying (students with violins, horns, violas, bassoon, oboes and all orchestra instruments) it was quite impressive. Each one of the cast raised flashlights above their heads in the darkness and in alternating colors of red, white and blue the flashlights illuminated the "V" for victory. Down out of the top of the stage, suspended on a trapeze and hung with stage lines or ropes was the little junior drum majorette Carolyn Knapp twirling a lighted fire baton! The spotlighted silk American flag was raised behind the whole scene.

Unfortunately there aren't any pictures of that production but I know there are some who remember it. That was 34 years ago last week and only two days before "Pearl Harbor."

The auditorium has had a change of curtains and the seats are a little worn. It is still the only auditorium in the city and now it is the only building used for movies and public entertainment.

It was a real pleasure a couple of weeks ago to help once again in that auditorium and again it was of a patriotic nature. The Washington Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th Grades) had worked quite hard and presented "Hats Off," a musical written about the experiences of John Paul Jones the American Naval Hero of the Revolutionary War. There was singing, dancing, comedy and replicas of the first 13-star and the new 50-star American Flag. The enthusiasm of the fifty-six students was just as great as it was in 1941. Some of the audience was the same and I just hope this is only the beginning of a great bicentennial year here!

Clef Notes

Things To Do:

Dec. 31, Wednesday - Cincinnati Riverfront Coliseum will celebrate New Year's Eve with Marshall Tucker, Charlie Daniels and Chuck Berry!

Dec. 31, Wednesday - The musical "Celebration" will be presented in Boyd auditorium by the Wilmington College Theater Department. Reserve tickets, priced at \$2 may be secured by calling 382-6661 (ext. 267) weekdays between 10 a.m. and noon from Dec. 15 on.

Through Jan. 17 - La Comedia Dinner Theatre presents "Here Lies Jeremy Troy."

Musician Audition

Joseph Thayer, Director of Admission for Eastern Music Festival (EMF), will be in Columbus, Ohio January 13 and 14 in order to hold auditions for admission to the 1976 summer season: June 26 - August 7. Auditions will be held at the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra rehearsal (Ohio State University - stadium rehearsal room) on January 13.

For information about the Festival, call or write the EMF office (919-272-2177), 712 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27405, or attend the audition. Auditions may be scheduled by calling Mr. Thayer at the Ohio Statler Inn in Columbus (614-294-5381) on January 13.

The audition consists of a short prepared piece, scales and sight-reading, and will last approximately 15 minutes.



"That's the Way I Like It," KC and the Sunshine Band
"Let's Do it Again," Staple Singers
"Fly, Robin, Fly," Silver Convention
"Saturday Night," Bay City Rollers
"Love Rollercoaster," Ohio Players
"Theme from 'Mahogany,'" Diana Ross
"Sky High," Jigsaw
"I Write the Songs," Barry Manilow
"Fox on the Run," Sweet
"Nights on Broadway," Bee Gees

Mini-city entertainment coming



"STYX" — will appear with Dane Donohue (star of "Jesus Christ Superstar") in the Hillsboro High School auditorium at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20. Tickets, \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door, can be purchased from Downtown Drug on Court Street.

Ohio car industry may shrink jobless rate

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's modern automobile production facilities may help drive the state unemployment rate a full percentage point below that of the nation as a whole in 1976, two Ohio State University economists say.

Professors Paul G. Craig and Wilford L. L'Esperance predict the auto industry will lead the way to a better year for business and consumers across the country.

National unemployment will fall nearly 7 per cent and inflation will run between 5 or 6 per cent, they say.

L'Esperance, who specializes in regional economics, noted only Michigan has more residents working in auto-related jobs and said unemployment here may drop to 6 per cent by the end of next year.

At the end of October, the state's unemployment rate was 7.8 per cent.

"Perhaps even more significant than Ohio's No. 2 automaker position," L'Esperance said, "is the fact that production facilities for making autos in Ohio are generally the most modern, the least obsolete, of any production facilities in the nation."

He said Michigan's facilities are

older, less efficient and less productive than Ohio's and that therefore Ohio auto plants should work at near full capacity in 1976.

That assumes all goes well with auto sales, he added.

Craig said slow sales of new cars the last two years, a better mix of new-car sizes and improved gasoline economy among the latest models, higher prices for imports and improving finances of many families will spur an economic upturn next year.

The professors also said more houses will be built in 1976, aiding both the

President studies energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — After prodding Congress for a year to face the nation's energy problems, President Ford now must decide whether to sign a bill that would temporarily reduce fuel prices while phasing out federal price controls.

A Federal Energy Administration official said Wednesday that Ford apparently has tipped his decision on the energy bill to no one. But FEA chief Frank G. Zarb has recommended that Ford approve the measure as the best he is going to get from this Congress.

Zarb said Wednesday night he plans to meet with Ford today to discuss the

bill, and he indicated the President may make an immediate decision on the measure. Asked if he thought Ford would sign the bill, Zarb said, "When I see him, perhaps you'll know."

58 to 40 Senate vote on Wednesday completed congressional action on the bill. In addition to cutting the price of gasoline and fuel oil, the measure would require manufacturers to gradually improve the fuel efficiency of new cars.

The measure also would allow the gradual lifting of government price controls on petroleum products over a 40-month period.

If Ford signs the bill, which runs counter to his own energy proposals, it would signal the end of a year-long fight between the Democratic-controlled Congress and the Republican President.

For American consumers, it could mean a reduction, perhaps almost immediately, of 2.5 to 3.5 cents per gallon in the price of gasoline and home heating oil. As price controls were lifted, prices would resume their climb sometime after the November 1976 elections.

Should Ford veto the bill, there is little chance Congress could override, leaving the nation with no controls on oil prices and no semblance of a national energy policy. Unless another period of temporary controls were imposed, fuel prices would be free to rise.

Eight Republicans, all from colder Northeastern states that are heavily dependent upon oil for heating, joined 50 Democrats in passing the bill. Thirty Republicans and 10 Democrats, nine of them from oil-producing states, opposed the measure.

Unless the bill becomes law, said Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., its chief author, "we will see the nation's difficult energy and economic problems grow steadily worse: a return to double-digit inflation; continued vulnerability to the oil weapon from abroad and continued squandering of valuable energy resources at home."

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., pictured the bill as "a setback in national efforts to become independent of foreign oil supplies."

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DONATES TO HOSPITAL — Members of the Jeffersonville Jaycees Wives recently donated several items to Children's Hospital, Columbus, purchased with proceeds from their recent bake sale. Those from the hospital present to receive the gifts were (left to right) - Lisa Illig, Chris Conrad, Jan Bogar, Assistant Director of Nurses, and Buffy Alkire. The two babies are patients at the hospital.

Jeff Jaycee Wives donate items to Children's Hospital

Mrs. Robert Steele was hostess when the Jeffersonville Jaycee Wives met Tuesday evening and Mrs. Robert Coe conducted the business session. Reports were heard and Mrs. Steele reported on the trip to Children's Hospital, Columbus, Dec. 11, where items for the hospital were presented. The items were purchased with

proceeds from a bake sale. Mrs. Thelma Cline was announced the winner of a turkey in a recent contest.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, in the home of Mrs. Willis Merriman Jr., when Mrs. Butch McDaniel and Mrs. Merriman will provide refreshments.

Arts and Crafts Clubs meets for Christmas party

Mrs. Gilbert Biddle was a gracious hostess when members met at her home for their annual Christmas party. As the members arrived they were invited to the punch bowl preceding the meeting, then went from room to room, admiring the beautiful Christmas decorations, many of which Mrs. Biddle had made.

Mrs. Biddle presided at a short business meeting hearing reports from various committees; thank you notes were read from shut-in members and Christmas cards were signed for ill members, and at this time a short amendment was added to the constitution and by-laws.

Wilson School

The Terrace Lounge was the setting Monday evening for the Christmas party of Wilson Elementary School staff.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Hutchison, Mrs. JoAnn Douglass, Mrs. Hazel Garinger, Mrs. Roberta Long, Miss Fonda Fitchhorn, Miss Patricia Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. William Leisure, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Casto, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Penrod, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whaley, Mrs. Carol Rhoad, Mr. Hughey Aills, Mrs. Jean Smith and Mr. Howard Stewart.

After the dinner hour, the staff and their families joined at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, principal, for dessert and coffee. All spent a most enjoyable evening.

Two year-old feted

Little Rachel Dawn Dresbough celebrated her second birthday at her home, 907 Clinton Ave.

A holiday theme prevailed in the decorations. Rachel opened her festive gifts with the help of her brother, Bobby. Ice cream and cake were served to the guests by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dresbough.

Guests during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dresbough, Mrs. Hattie Clark, Miss Judy Butcher and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Overly.

Dear Abby:

He asks No. 1 to give No. 2 a few lessons

By ABIGAIL VANDUREN
DEAR ABBY: Nearly a year ago, after 24 years of marriage and four children, my husband asked me for a divorce.

It seems that although we were the same age when we got married, I suddenly got "too old" for him, so he found himself a girl his daughter's age and traded me in for her.

Somehow I survived the blow, but listen to this: Yesterday he phoned and these were his exact words, "Honey, if I sent Marcia (his young wife) over, would you please give her some cooking lessons? She's a great kid, but she never learned how to cook."

I was so shocked at his colossal nerve I didn't know what to say, so after a long pause I said, "I'll think about it and let you know."

Abby, the last thing I want to do is give this girl cooking lessons. Am I wrong? How should I handle this hot potato?

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DEAR ABBY: With asbestos mittens. Tell your husband that you've thought it over and decided to let him eat crow.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 2-year-old grandson about whom I am worried. His father gives him "sips" of a martini, beer or anything he happens to be drinking.

I have tried to tell my son-in-law that it is harmful to the child, but he says it won't hurt the boy, and he continues to ignore me.

I have seen that baby take two, three and four sips of a martini. Everyone laughs and makes him think it's cute,

so he is encouraged to take more. Is it possible for a child to become an alcoholic this way? Or will he (as my son-in-law says) develop a tolerance for it?

DEAR NEW JERSEY: The possibility of developing a "taste" for alcohol is greater than developing a tolerance for it. Your son-in-law must have onionsoup for brains.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's parents died nine years ago, and we inherited the family home. The other children were given various items by the will, and we thought everything was fairly divided since no one complained at that time.

These past few years, two sisters, and a sister-in-law have acquired an appreciation for antiques, and since they still regard this as their family home, they are constantly coming back to remember that Mother promised them the dishes and Dad said they could have the desk.

The other day, a sister-in-law tried to take possession of an old ice chest that I had bought at a garage sale and had restored.

I want to keep peace in the family, but I don't want to be taken advantage of. What do you suggest?

DEAR ANNOYED: I suggest that you learn how to say no and smile at the same time.

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 69700, L.A., Calif. 90069. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

ANNOYED

Purity Chapter No. 65, OES, holds 80th Annual Inspection

The New Holland Masonic Temple was beautifully decorated with a Christmas motif, when members and guests of Purity Chapter No. 65, met for the purpose of the 80th Annual Installation of Officers recently.

Those assisting in the impressive installation ceremony were: Inviting Marshall, Geneva Kempton, Evergreen Chapter; Installing Officer, Donna Junk, Concord Chapter; Installing Marshalls, Margaret Remy and Iola Gifford, Purity Chapter; Installing Chaplain, Sue Kerns, Kingston Chapter; Installing Conductress, Kay Ritenour, Jefferson Chapter; Installing Warden, Dale Ritenour, Jefferson Chapter; Installing Sentinel, Donald Kempton, Evergreen Chapter and Installing Organist Sandra Shasteen, of Heber Chapter.

Officers installed for the year were: Worthy Matron, Vivian Stonerock; Worthy Patron, John Craig; Associate Matron, Edna Boyd; Associate Patron, Gene Bush; Secretary, Ruth Craig; Treasurer, Dorothy Bush; Conductress, Kay Black; Associate Conductress, Sue Neff; Chaplain, Nelle Hughes; Marshall, Woodrow Workman; Organist, Georgia Dennis; Adah, Mabel Penisten; Ruth, Patricia Neff;

BPW party attracts 90

The Washington C.H. Business and Professional Women's Club met at the Country club on Tuesday for the regular monthly meeting and Christmas party. It began with a social hour around a punch bowl in the gaily decorated club house.

For the dinner, about 90 members and guests were seated at festive, candle lighted tables with decorative favors at each place setting. Music was played throughout the dinner hour by Mrs. Ralph Yerian at the piano and Scott Lanum on the drums.

All joined in giving the club collect followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation offered by Miss Frances White.

The program for the evening was planned by the Music Committee with Mrs. Robert Stanforth as chairman and members Mrs. Frederick Cluff, Miss Barbara Hyer, Mrs. Ned Kinzer, Mrs. Charles Mallow, Mrs. Marcus Porsch, Mrs. Robert Rodgers and Miss Frances White.

Ann Judson Circle meets

Mrs. Charles Hurtt's home was gaily decorated when she and Mrs. Paul Thompson entertained the Ann Judson Circle of First Baptist Church for the Christmas meeting. A salad course was served to eight members and one guest, Mrs. William O'Keefe.

Mrs. Hurtt opened the meeting by reading a poem "Peace on Earth" after which the group sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" accompanied by Miss Mabel Briggs.

Devotions were given by Mrs. William Cook. Her theme was "Advent." She read the meaning of Advent, the Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7, an article "The Colonnade to Christmas" and closed by reading "An Advent Prayer."

Roll Call was answered by giving a Christmas thought or verse, and reports were read. The circle also voted to pay the White Cross National quota to Dayton Christian Center. The

Beta Omega chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha had its annual Christmas party. Members and their husband met at the Terrace Lounge for dinner, then all went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bower where the remainder of the evening was spent playing games during the social hour.

Santa distributed gifts to everyone, and also announced that Mike Young of Jeffersonville was winner of a ham.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Autrey, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Holder, Mr. and Mrs. Guerner Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Gary McMurray, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clark, Mr. and Mrs.

Women of Moose and Lodge to combine parties

The Moose Lodge and the Women of the Moose will combine all holiday parties this year. The parties will be for members and their guests only.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, from 2 until 4 p.m. children 12 years old and under will be given treats and gifts by Santa Claus, also children from the Fayette County Home will be guests.

Also on Saturday, at 6 p.m. will be the teenagers party for 13 through 17 years of age. A \$2 gift exchange, refreshments, and dancing will be featured.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. members will enjoy a Christmas dinner-party and a \$3 gift exchange, with a dance afterwards with the "Country Dusters" being featured.

A New Year's party, Dec. 31, and dance for members and their guests from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. will take place at the Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Lodge. The "Stone Country" Band will play for the dance, and there will be refreshments and favors.

John Joseph is Governor of Lodge 412, and Jean Rayburn is Senior Regent of Chapter 233, Women of the Moose.

The next meeting for Lodge members will be Dec. 27 at 2 p.m., and the Women will meet at 8 p.m. Jan. 14.

Esther, Deborah Carr; Martha, Carolyn McFadden; Electa, Jane Rowe; Warden, Eileen Woods; Sentinel, Errol Black. Pages for the year are Edith Kirkpatrick and Phyllis Lehman. Refreshments Committee chairman was Ann Thompson; Registration committee, Edna and Leonard Watts. Emma Jean Gifford was in charge of Pin-ons, and Elzie Radcliffe was the Soloist.

Honored guests present were: Past Grand Matron, Vera L. Thornton; Sandra Shasteen, Deputy Grand Matron of District 23; Grand Representatives to Texas, Virginia Moats and Vermont, Sara Gail Barbee. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of other Chapters as well as Past Matrons and Patrons of Purity Chapter were presented.

The Worthy Matron has chosen for her theme "Let's Make Christmas all year 'round". Symbol, a Christmas Gift; Motto "Hope, Peace and Love to Everyone".

Refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed tea table covered with a red and white cloth and centered with a floral arrangement of red and white carnations and snap dragons. Jr. Past Matron, Marilyn Bush, presided at the punch bowl.

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Gift exchange and party

The Daughters of American Lodge met in the VFW Hall, W. Elm St., for the regular meeting. This was also the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. The hall was beautifully decorated for the holiday season and favors of ceramic tree trimmings, made by Dale Allen Merritt, were presented to the 21 members and guests present.

Mrs. Zoe Follis gave the invocation preceding the Christmas dinner.

During the meeting plans were made to distribute fruit and gifts to shut-in members and plans for the



HONOR GUEST — Mr. Willard R. Everhart, 809 Washington Ave., was the guest of honor at a dinner honoring his 98th birthday on Wednesday. The happy event took place at the Ramada Inn, Columbus, and following the dinner guests visited and many congratulations were extended to Mr. Everhart. Sharing the occasion were members of his family, Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 18
Circle 4 of First Presbyterian Church meets at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor for covered dish dinner.

Altrusa Club Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Norman Merritt.

Caroling party by group from First Christian Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call 335-0905.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19
Senior Citizen's birthday party at noon (carry-in dinner) and 50 cent gift exchange, 723 Delaware St.

Sunnyside Willing Workers meet at 7:30 p.m. for meeting and gift exchange in the home of Mrs. Willard Moore.

Jeffersonville Stich and Chat Club meets for noon carry-in Christmas luncheon and \$1 gift exchange.

Altrusa Club children's party from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Benton Room, Washington Inn.

Welcome Wagon Club couples Christmas dinner at 7 p.m. in Benton Room, Washington Inn.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20
NAACP meeting at 5 p.m. at 1022 John St. (Note change of date and place.)

ROSEBUD BLUE BIRDS
Members of the Rosebud Blue Birds met at their leader's home on Saturday, then they went by car to carol at several homes, nursing homes and Fayette Memorial Hospital. Afterwards, they went to the home of Mrs. Bud Moore where a gift exchange and a special visit from "Santa Claus" took place.

Those present were Mrs. Richard Paul and daughters, Roxie and Pam, Mrs. Millie Streitberger and Marilyn, Jesse, Mrs. Sue Ellen Lowe and Julie, Mrs. Betty Moore, Mrs. Clara Roosa, Tracy Conger, Kim Null, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore and Mike and Amy, and "Santa."

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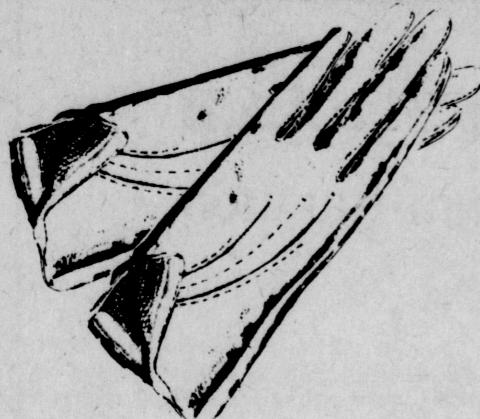
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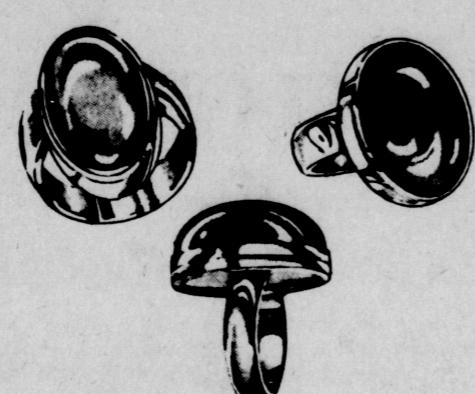
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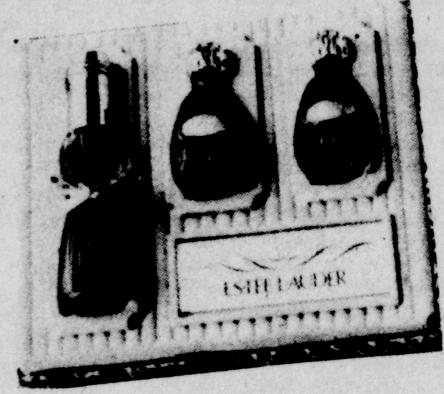
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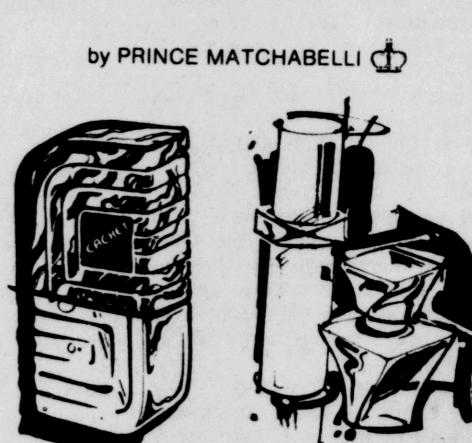
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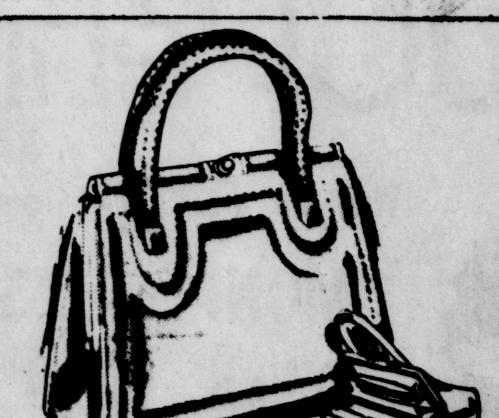
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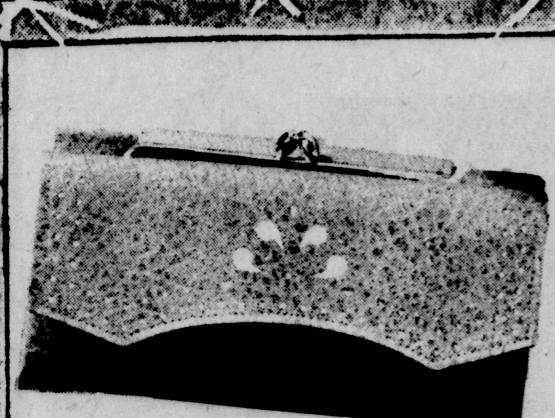
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Federal pension costs going out of sight

By DICK BARNES

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising prices and wages are propelling the future price tag for federal government pensions hundreds of billions of dollars higher than the funds being set aside to pay for them.

While there is no serious doubt that the civilian retirees will get their money when due, the example of New York City's financial nightmare is spurring heightened interest in long-term pension policy questions such as these:

— Is it dishonest for the government to project one level of future pension costs when it has every reason to know costs will be higher?

— How much money, in relation to payrolls, can the government afford to pay for pensions?

— Should the government's share of pension costs be set aside from taxes collected while the future retiree is working, or should costs be deferred until due and thus paid by a later generation of taxpayers?

— What proportion of the ultimate pension should the worker pay for himself or himself out of contributions from salary while employed?

Various numbers illustrate the magnitude of these questions.

In 1974, the government paid an amount equal to 14.7 per cent of its civilian payroll into the Civil Service pension system. But government contributions will have to equal 34 per cent of its payroll by 1985 if inflation and pay raises continue at a 6 per cent annual rate.

In 1973, the government had an obligation to pay \$200 billion more in already earned future civilian and military pension benefits than it had money set aside to pay for them.

A projection made that year estimated this sum, called unfunded liability, would reach \$382 billion by 1983. That \$382 billion is equal to about two-thirds of the entire current national debt — but unfunded pension liabilities don't count as part of the national debt.

A report this year by the board of actuaries of the Civil Service retirement system discusses how even the mammoth figures stated officially might be only part of the real costs to be paid.

The actuaries' latest valuation, as of 1972, showed the Civil Service system had an unfunded liability of \$76 billion. But this valuation, in accordance with federal law, made no provision for

future estimated increases in pay and prices.

The actuaries said the liability was really \$124 billion if future price rises of 3 per cent a year and pay raises of 4 1/2 per cent a year were assumed. If the price and pay increase assumptions were raised just one percentage point higher, the liability would climb to \$156 billion — a startling illustration of the effects of inflation.

And current inflation rates are much higher than either of the assumptions made by the actuaries.

The actuaries acknowledged that using inflation projections was inconsistent with the law, but said "it is the only way to get a picture of the long-range potential costs..."

On the military side, there is no pension fund at all. Retirement benefits are paid out of general tax revenues as they come due.

The liability for such future payments totaled \$148 billion in 1974 and will nearly double to \$276 billion by 1983 — and even far more if inflation is higher than 4 per cent.

In another illustration of pension growth, in 1973 the government paid out \$4.5 billion in military retirement benefits and estimated that in 1978, the cost would be \$6.6 billion. But thanks to inflation, the \$6.6 billion level will be passed in 1976, two years sooner than expected.

This morass of billions numbs the minds of taxpayers who will ultimately foot the bill.

But as H. L. Krieger, a federal compensation executive with the General Accounting Office told a congressional committee last month:

"Unless full recognition is made of all costs as they are being accrued, the issue for discussion in the future could well be the continued affordability of the retirement system and its impact on the taxpaying public."

Once costs are recognized, the decision becomes how to pay them.

If money is set aside as future pension benefits are accrued, that money can grow through investment and interest until the benefit must be paid. That is, \$1 put in a fund today may yield \$4 in the future when the benefit must be paid, whereas \$4 would have to be appropriated if there were no funding until the benefit was due.

The more money set aside as benefits accrue, the less must be appropriated in each later year.

But, money not put aside for pensions today can buy something else.

Political infighting starts over Robert Taft II move

CINCINNATI (AP) — A political fuss is brewing between a group of Clermont County and Hamilton County Republicans.

Clermont County party members are angered that they were not consulted about the nomination of Robert A. Taft II as a successor to Frank H. Mayfield Jr., who resigned recently as 65th District representative.

"They are trying to pull something on us and we are not going to stand for it," said Alberta Knight, Miami Township GOP executive. "Taft is not acceptable. We have our own candidate," she said.

About one-third of the 65th District is in Clermont County.

Hamilton County Republicans this week nominated Taft to replace Mayfield.

"I feel we were not consulted," said Dale Bee, new chairman of the Clermont County Republican Party.

Earl T. Barnes, Hamilton County GOP chairman, said the action was taken "because I felt the party had to move quickly."

Clermont County party leaders said they may challenge Taft's nomination with a choice of their own — Robert A. Walker, who opposed Mayfield in 1974 and captured 40 per cent of the votes.

"This man worked hard for it and spent his own money," said Mrs. Knight. "Taft hasn't done anything."

Walker, 44, is a Milford funeral

director. He had the endorsement of Hamilton and Clermont County Republicans in the 1974 primaries.

Barnes said Clermont County "really ought to be heard from, and if they have a candidate they have the right to put him up."

Clermont County's Republican Central Committee has voted to ask for a delay in the confirmation of Taft until Bee meets with Barnes.

Gas and oil hit on state land

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Natural gas and oil have been struck on state land in Massillon, the governor's office said Wednesday.

The well, on the grounds of Massillon State Hospital, is the first on state property. It was drilled by a Canton firm, which will pipe the gas and oil into the Canton plant of Babcock and Wilcox Inc.

The state receives 12.5 per cent of the income. Timothy B. Moritz, director of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, said the money would be used to improve treatment facilities.

Area wells have produced an average of 200,000 cubic feet of gas and five barrels of oil a day.

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Numerous pension authorities say the discipline of putting aside contributions early is valuable because it forces costs to be calculated and pins responsibility on lawmakers more effectively than a philosophy of promising benefits and letting the future pay for them.

Setting aside the money in advance also lessens the chance that promised benefits might be cut back in a financial crisis.

Present funding is also supported on the philosophical ground that taxpayers who benefit from the employee's work should pay for his or her pension as part of the cost of the employee's service.

If future taxpayers foot the bill, by contrast, they are paying without receiving any service, according to this argument.

The Civil Service retirement fund was financially strengthened in 1969 when employee and government agency contributions were each increased to 7 per cent of payroll. The government was also required to begin paying interest on the unfunded liability, a requirement which is still being phased in.

But the legislation made no provision for additional funding of retirement benefits increased because of inflation. Recent rapid cost of living increases have thus been a principal factor in ballooning the unfunded liability of the Civil Service system.

One major element of this increase is a provision in the retirement benefit formula which increases pension checks faster than the cost of living increases. Congress is now considering whether to cut back that provision.

Although many federal employees contend they pay half the cost of their future retirement, actuarial estimates of cost including modest provisions for future inflation show that employees are contributing only about one-fourth of the true cost of benefits.

In the military system, service personnel pay nothing toward their future retirement, and no fund at all is accumulated for future costs.

Early retirement age is a pension cost factor particularly felt in the military, where most new retirees are in their 40's. A man retiring at 45, for example, has a life expectancy of 30 years.

Even in the Civil Service, 71 per cent of new retirees in 1974 were 62 or younger.

Duplication of benefits raises other policy questions.

Civil servants, for example, are not included in the Social Security program, so their pensions upon retirement can be as high as 80 per cent of recent salary.

But a study cited in recent congressional testimony found that 40 per cent of Civil Service retirees also get a Social Security check.

Rep. Brock Adams, D-Wash., chairman of the House Budget Committee, observed that "the Social Security benefit formula is weighted to provide relatively higher benefits to workers with low wage histories, or few years of covered work..."

"No one would maintain that Civil Service workers, who through part-time work, or second careers also become eligible for Social Security, should not receive benefits based on their contributions.

"On the other hand, we must ask ourselves whether it is equitable to provide that portion of Social Security

benefits designed as an antipoverty measure that sometimes are credited in duplicate for two different pensions?"

Numerous retired military personnel also have second careers while receiving their service pension checks during their 40's and 50's, and earn a second pension for their actual retirement years.

The questions continue almost without end.

What about years of military service that sometimes are credited in duplicate for two different pensions?

Should new standards imposed on private pension plans by the government apply to the government's own programs?

How should retirement costs be squared with other personnel policies aimed at keeping younger workers on the rise?

What are the implications for retirement financing at the next turn of the century, when the retired population will be far larger in relation to the working population than the current ratio?

The subject of pensions isn't as immediate as today's gasoline bill or as dramatic as Watergate, but its implications for the nation's future may be just as great.

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Retired employees fight pension tax

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Retired state employees and school teachers must be given a chance to prove that their pensions are exempt from the state income tax, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The decision means that a trial will be held in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. There, the pensioners will have a chance to show that a state law taxing their pensions is unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that a Franklin County judge was wrong to dismiss the pensioners' lawsuit without a hearing. The judge ruled that the controversy should be taken to the state tax commissioner.

The case is a class action on behalf of an estimated 40,000 retired state employees seeking an injunction against tax collections and the return of state income taxes collected from the pensioners since 1972.

The suit was filed by John H. Herrick on behalf of persons who retired before Oct. 16, 1972, and who receive their pensions from the Public Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System.

Their suit said that pensions were not affected by the income tax before Oct. 16, 1972. On that date, the tax law was amended to make the pensions taxable.

The pensioners argue that the amendments could not be constitutionally applied to pensions already in effect.

In other decisions Wednesday, the court:

—Ruled 4-3 that an auto thief can be prosecuted both under a city ordinance for stealing a car and under a state law for concealing the car.

The court said such prosecutions do not violate constitutional protections

against double jeopardy—the constitutional protection against being prosecuted twice for one crime—as long as one of the crimes has a different standard of proof than the other.



FISH TREAT — Students and faculty of the Fayette Progressive School received an early Christmas gift as they were served fish dinners at the Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe, S. Elm Street, Wednesday. Restaurant manager Paul Coe and his staff served the 38 students, 13 regular faculty members and two volunteers.

Seek cash for Wright workshop

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The next step in the search for \$100,000 to save Orville Wright's workshop may be a visit to the Dayton Air Fair this July.

The fair might provide some of the money if it is successful, said Dale Ross of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has labored four years to save the building, constructed by Wright about 1916 and which served as

his workshop nearly every day for almost 30 years.

Equipment found in the building after his death included lathes, power saws, a small gasoline engine and two wind tunnels.

A spokesman for the fair said the project seemed worthwhile but added the fair could not commit itself until after the event is held. He said last year's fair was the first to make

money.

The chamber estimates it would take \$100,000 to dismantle the building and move it. The fair spokesman suggested it could be relocated at the city airport, Carillon Park or at the Air Force Museum at nearby Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

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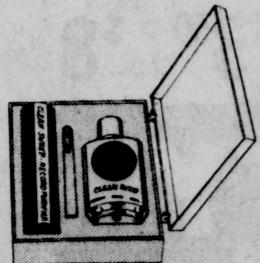
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Ohio economic rise slow during 1975

By WILLIAM KRONHOLM
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Like a sluggish giant, Ohio's economy lumbered through half a year of recession in 1975, then slowly, agonizingly, began to revive.

Its upswing was far from certain in the closing weeks of the year. The natural gas supply, the health of the auto industry and the state of the national economy all would bear on its success.

But promising indicators were present. State economic observers expressed cautious optimism for 1976.

Their expectation was based on the underlying strength of Ohio's economy. That strength—a broad base in manufacturing industries—was a weakness through most of the year, but held the potential for speeding Ohio's recovery.

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When auto production slumped last year, it hit Ohio harder than most of the nation. The slump rippled through the

steel, rubber, glass and other auto-related industries.

And the general economic situation of inflation and recession pinched consumers, causing a dropoff in demand for appliances.

"Ohio's economy, as in past recessions and recovery periods, has been more volatile than the U.S. economy," explained James C. Yocom, professor of business research at Ohio State University.

He said the state has been "experiencing deeper recession declines and lagging slightly on the uptrend, but (is) beginning to show higher recovery rates in some sectors."

The effect on Ohio was reflected in unemployment figures. Unemployment stood at 6.7 per cent in December 1974. In January, it hit 8 per cent.

Unemployment peaked at 9.4 per cent in March, with 449,000 Ohioans out of work. It dropped to 8.3 per cent by May. Summer job seekers pushed it back to 9.1 per cent in June, and then it began a slow decline. By September, it dropped below 8 per cent.

By near the end of the year, unemployment was below national levels. That reflected the other trait of Ohio's manufacturing base—it's affected more by recovery than is a nonmanufacturing state.

Rail reorganization plan ironed out

By JAY PERKINS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional conferees are beginning to iron out differences in legislation to reorganize seven ailing northeastern railroads and to provide financial and regulatory relief to railroads across the nation.

The House completed action on its version of the legislation Wednesday after agreeing to Ford administration requests to pare another \$500 million from the multi-billion dollar legislation. A Senate-House conference committee starts work on the legislation today.

The Senate passed a similar bill earlier after rejecting administration attempts to cut back on funding authorization.

Looming in the background as the conferees began work was the threat of a presidential veto. President Ford is strongly opposed to several provisions of the Senate bill and says he will veto any legislation containing those provisions.

Ford objects to the spending proposed by the Senate bill — \$8.6 billion compared to \$6 billion in the House version — and to the way the value of the seven railroads would be determined.

Both the Senate and House bills would allow the special reorganization court to determine the value of the railroads that the government plans to consolidate into one system called ConRail.

However, the House bill would instruct the court to use net liquidation value instead of going concern value in determining the price the government will pay for the railroad property. The Senate bill contains no such instructions.

The U.S. Railway Association, the federal agency charged with reorganizing the seven railroads into ConRail, says the net liquidation value — the price the railroads would receive if they tore up their track and sold it for scrap — is only \$422 million. In contrast, the Penn Central says its value as a going concern is more than \$7 billion and the six other railroads attach similarly high values to their property.

Both the Senate and House bills would give the railroads far greater freedom to set prices and to conduct their business. Both would prohibit the

Interstate Commerce Commission from rejecting a rate as too low if the rate covered the cost of offering the service and from rejecting a rate as too high if the railroad faced competition from other carriers.

Plentiful foods seen

WASHINGTON (AP) In another of its "food marketing alert" notices, the Agriculture Department said consumers can expect lots of beef, poultry, fruit and vegetables in January but that pork would continue to be in short supply.

The notices, distributed today to such large-volume food buyers as hotels and school lunch offices, also showed that there will be "plentiful" supplies of dried peas and lentils for economy minded shoppers next month.

Those are protein-rich legumes which can be used to supplement meat dishes in many ways as well as in traditional soups, the department said. One reason for promoting peas and lentils was that farm prices for those products dropped 40 per cent from a year ago and USDA thinks they need a boost.

Mrs. Meir wins honor

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — "It's nothing to go into mourning about," said Golda Meir, former prime minister of Israel, after she was named "Woman of the Century" by the Israeli Bonds organization.

"But do we really know all the women of the century and all that they have done?" she asked.

After receiving the award, Mrs. Meir was asked by reporters how Israel responds to criticism about the Dec. 2 bombings of Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon where 75 people were killed and 150 wounded.

"Friends, you must realize we are fighting for our lives," she said. "There is nobody who writes against us, who preaches to us or tells us this is indecent who cares more about those innocent victims than we do."

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The embryo recovery was due largely to the 1976 auto model year, which saw increased consumer acceptance. But as the year closed, the early production figures were not maintained. The questionable status of the auto industry cast the first shadow on 1976 economic prospects.

Another cloud came with the natural gas shortage. Ohio industry is largely dependent on natural gas for fuel, and supplies for the first months of 1976 are questionable.

A crisis shortage of natural gas closing plants could cripple the recovery trend. State officials say new energy sources are a necessity.

"I don't think there's any question that we're better off than we were a year ago," said James Duerk, state director of economic and community development. "But there's still a lot of uncertainty about what's going to happen in the next 4, 5 or 6 months."

"I'm optimistic," he added. "I think things are going to get better, but I don't have any crystal ball to say when things are going to get better."

Duerk noted that all was not bleak in Ohio, even through the rough first months of 1975.

The steel industry held up well through the worst of the recession period, he said, largely because of demand for new oil and gas pipelines which offset less demand for auto steel.

In addition, he said, Ohio's economy has been expanding in non-manufacturing industries. In June, 2.87 million Ohioans were employed in nonmanufacturing businesses, a record high.

"There is a shift going on, and it has been going on for several years," Duerk said. "The Columbus area is the perfect example, with its huge new warehousing industry."

He said the dual expansion of manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries has a high priority within his department.

"We want to continue to attract manufacturing, but we're going to also emphasize that Ohio is a great service industry state," he said. "We want to continue to attract all types of business and industry."

Duerk said his department also is trying to tie Ohio's businesses with overseas markets. He said an increasing number of foreign corporations are finding that it's cheaper

to both make and sell products in the United States than to make overseas, transport to the United States and then sell.

He said the state also is coordinating a trade mission next spring for about 50 to 75 Ohio businessmen to explore overseas markets for Ohio products.

He said the businessmen will be looking at market opportunities in

Belgium, Germany, France, Great Britain and possibly Sweden.

"People in Europe are great consumers," he said. "They like to buy."

He said export sales could help Ohio businesses remain profitable "until our own cost of living stabilizes."

Although Ohio's economy is interdependent with the national economy, Duerk said, Ohio's efforts

can be significant. With an aggressive development program and a vigorous energy plan, he said, the state can help assure a measure of prosperity.

And, he said, the basic strengths of the state's economy have helped the state weather the recession.

"Hopefully, we're through the roughest part of the recession," he said. "And, I think we are."

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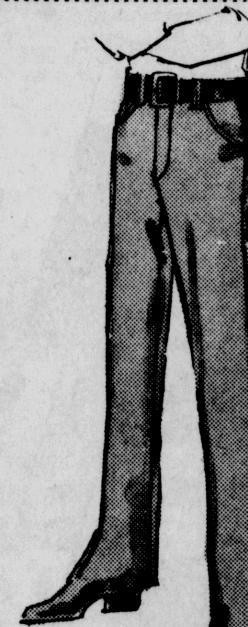
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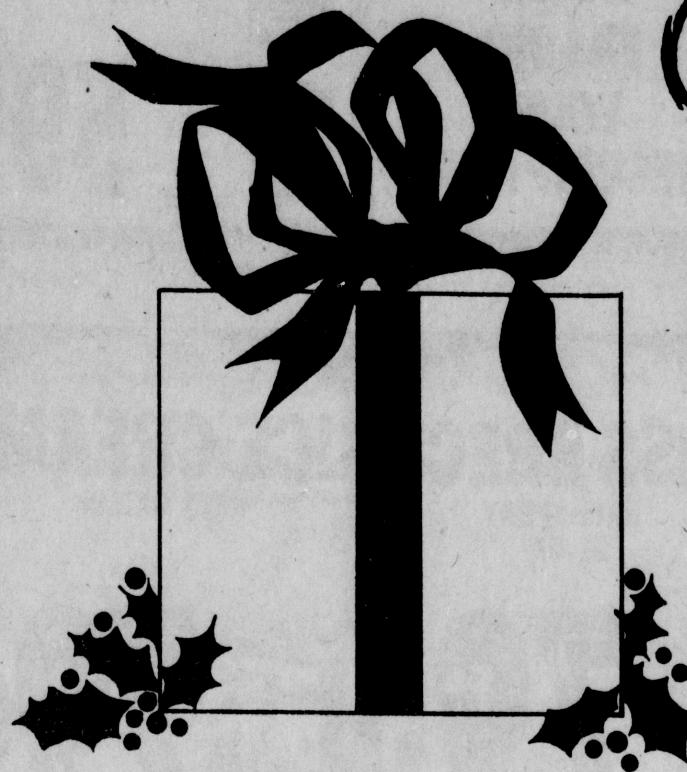
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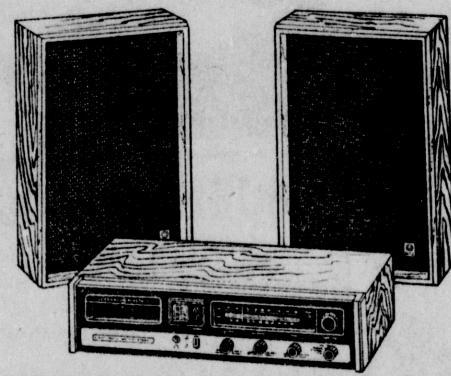
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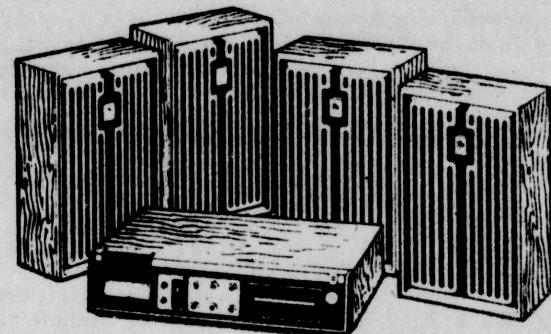
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West Bend - 9467, 9 Cup Percolator (Avocado, Harvest, Flame)	Sunbeam - 5-91, Can Opener-Knife Sharpener	Sunbeam - 702-61, Stand Mixer	Hoover - B3005, Aluminum Fry Pan (Warming Tray)	GE - CM11, 8 Cup Percolator
West Bend - 5934, 9 Cup Percolator	Waring - CO-43, Can Opener-Knife Sharpener	Sunbeam - 1-11, Stand Mixer	Hoover - K6003, 6 Speed Blender	GE - Pro-1, 1000 Watt Pistol Dryer
West Bend - 5970, 10 Cup Quik Drip	Farberware - 243, Can Opener (Harvest, Avocado, White)	Hamilton Beach - 36W, Stand Mixer	Hoover - B3001, 8 1/2 Aluminum Fry Pan	GE - CS-1, Curler-Styler
West Bend - 7472, 12 Cup Percolator (Stainless Steel)	Proctor Silex - 2917A, Spray, Steam Dry Iron	Texas Instrument - TI500, Calculator	Hoover - 8530, 4 Slice Toaster	GE - SK26, 12" Teflon II Fry Pan
West Bend - 11869, 36 Cup Percolator	Proctor Silex - 2107A, Steam Dry Iron	Texas Instrument - TI-2500 II, Calculator	Hoover - H4507, 2 Slice, 3 Cycle Toaster	GE - SK26, 12" Teflon II Fry Pan
West Bend - 9412, 36 Cup Percolator (Harvest, Wheat)	Proctor Silex - 1-510L, Self Cleaning Steam Dry Iron	Texas Instrument - TI-2550, Memory Calculator	Hoover - 8965, 6 Speed Blender	GE - P55, Heating Pad
West Bend - 4306, 12" Fry Pan (Harvest, Winter Wheat)	Sunbeam - 712-64, Spray Steam Dry Iron	Litronix - 1102, Calculator	Hoover - 8610-40, Fondue and Mini Fry Pan	GE - M47, 3 Speed Hand Mixer
West Bend - 3237, 4 Slice Toaster	Proctor Silex - 2107A, Steam Dry Iron	Oster - 986-08, Kitchen Center	Nesco - HB001, "Potluck" Slow-Fast Cooker	GE - M68, 10 Speed Hand Mixer
West Bend - 3375, Country Kettle (Avocado)	Proctor Silex - 1-510L, Self Cleaning Steam Dry Iron	Water Pik - 49, Tooth Cleaner	Nesco - N-140, Deep Fryer	GE - M24, 3 Speed Hand Mixer
West Bend - 7481, 12 Cup Percolator (Stainless Steel)	Sunbeam - 712-64, Spray Steam Dry Iron	Proctor Silex - A001W, Coffee Magic	Hoover - B1001, Broiler Oven	GE - T26, Toast 'N Broil Oven
Sunbeam - VHD40, Hard Top Hair Dryer	Sunbeam - 12-71, Spray, Steam, Dry Iron	Schick - 300, Hot Lather Shave Dispenser	Hoover - G3501, Hair Dryer (Hard Top)	GE - T93, Toast-R-Oven
Schick - 2002, Hard Top Hair Dryer	Hamilton Beach - 275, Electric Knife	Norelco - 33T, Triple Header Shaver	Hoover - 5308, Rug Shampooer	GE - T94, Toast-R-Oven
Schick - 351, Samson Styling Dryer	Sunbeam - 706-32, Electric Knife	Remington - LB29, Men's Shaver	Hoover - S3003, Celebrity Cleaner	GE - T95, Deluxe Toast-R-Oven
Lady Schick - 352, Styling Dryer	Waring - 91, 8 Speed Blender (Timer)	Remington - Mark IV, Men's Shaver	Hoover - S3005, Celebrity Cleaner	GE - M45, Stand Mixer
Clairol - K420, 3 Way Hairsetter	Waring - 52-3, 8 Speed Blender	Remington - Mark III Men's Shaver	Hoover - S3001, Deluxe Celebrity Cleaner	GE - M44, Stand Mixer
Clairol - 20, Instant Hairsetter	Waring - 57-2, 14 Speed Blender (Timer)	Remington - LB26, Men's Shaver	Hoover - S3061, Power Head Celebrity Cleaner	GE - T124, 4 Slice Toaster
Clairol - AB-3, Styling Dryer	Oster - 833-08, Blender	Schick - 300, Men's Shaver	Hoover - S3057, Power Head Celebrity Cleaner	GE - 2185-004, Wall Clock
Gillette - SW-1, Curler-Styler	Oster - 843-04, Blender	Schick - 21, Men's Shaver	Hoover - S2015, Hand-I-Vac	GE - 2180-006, Wall Clock
Gillette - HD9, Max for Men	Oster - 854-04, Blender (Timer)	Schick - 2000, Men's Shaver	Hoover - S2009, Hand-I-Vac	GE - 2577-015, Battery Wall Clock
Sunbeam - 54-13, Curler-Styler	Presto - DFT4, Deep Fryer	Norelco - 35LS, Lady Shaver	Hoover - U4007, Convertible Upright Cleaner (Deluxe)	GE - HCD-6, Mist Conditioner Hair Setter
Gillette - HD10, Mighty Max	Sunbeam - 9-12, Crocker Cooker	Lady Schick - 109, Shaver	Hoover - U4061, Convertible Upright Cleaner	GE - HD-51, Hard Top Hair Dryer
Farberware - 138ST, 8 Cup Stainless Steel Percolator	Fryer	Lady Remington - MS-120, Shaver	Hoover - U4063, Deluxe Convertible Upright Cleaner	GE - PRO-2, 1200 Watt Super-Pro
Farberware - 142ST, 12 Cup Stainless Steel Percolator	Reliable - M200P, Deep Fryer	Sunbeam - LS21B, Lady Shaver	Hoover - 1136, Dial-A-Matic Cleaner	Pistol Dryer
Norelco - HD5135, 12 Cup Quik Drip Coffee Maker	Oster - 581-01, Egg Cooker	Norelco - HP2126R, Lady Bug Shaver	Hoover - U6003, Power Drive Dial-A-Matic Cleaner	GE - STC-1A, Styling Comb
Farberware - 300A, 10 1/2" Stainless Steel Fry Pan	Oster - 552-04, Ice Crusher	Spartus - 6658, Panda Bear Wall Clock	Hoover - U6007, Deluxe Power Drive Dial-A-Matic Cleaner	GE - HD63, Remote Control Hard
Farberware - 312SP, 12" Stainless Steel Fry Pan	Oster - 368-04, Juicer	Spartus - H5100, Wall Clock	GE - F63, Steam Dry Iron	Top Hair Dryer
Farberware - 335SP, Stainless Steel Buffet Style Fry Pan	Proctor Silex - J214W, Juicer	Spartus - 4304, Wall Clock	GE - F110, Self Cleaning Spray, Steam Dry Iron	GE-HD61SS, Hard Top Hair Dryer
Sunbeam - 707-192, Teflon II Fry Pan (Harvest, Avocado)	Reliable - M200P, Deep Fryer	Spartus - 4830, Wall Clock	GE - F92, Spray, Steam Dry Iron	GE - HCD6, Heated Shave Cream Dispenser
Sunbeam - 7-153, Crocker Fry Pan (Harvest, Avocado)	Oster - 581-01, Egg Cooker	Spartus - 6774, Wall Clock	GE - F140, Self Cleaning Surge of Steam Iron	GE - 3-5011, Tape Recorder
Farberware - 320A, Stainless Steel Pot Pourri	Oster - 552-04, Ice Crusher	Spartus - H6510, Wall Clock	GE - F118, Self Cleaning Steam Dry Iron	GE - M8440, Two Way Power Tape Recorder
Salton - H-930, Hot Tray	Oster - 368-04, Juicer	Spartus - 26227, Wall Clock	GE - F111, Self Cleaning Spray Steam Dry Iron	GE - M8433, Condenser Mike Tape Recorder
Salton - H-920, Hot Tray	Proctor Silex - J214W, Juicer	Westclox - 26081, Wall Clock	GE - F120, Self Cleaning Steam, surge of Steam Dry Iron	GE - M8415, Two Way Power Tape Recorder
Salton - WB-5, Bun Warmer	Reliable - M200P, Deep Fryer	Westclox - 26213, Wall Clock	GE - EC33, Can Opener (Knife Sharpener)	GE - 9-8105, Turntable
Salton - H-907, Hot Tray	Oster - 581-01, Egg Cooker	Westclox - 25350, Wall Clock	GE - EC32, Can Opener	GE - C-4690, AM-FM, Digital Clock Radio
Hamilton Beach - 474, Baconer	Oster - 552-04, Ice Crusher	Westclox - 46643, Battery Wall Clock	GE - EC41, Can Opener (Ice Crusher)	GE - 7-4415, AM-FM Digital Clock Radio
Rival - 2105, Meat Grinder	Oster - 368-04, Juicer	Westclox - 26243, Wall Clock	GE - EK9, Electric Knife	GE - 7-4380, AM-FM Digital Clock Radio (60 Minute Sleep, Snooz Alarm)
Norelco - HP1308, Tripleheader Shaver	Proctor Silex - 0304W, Toast R Oven	Westclox - 26207, Wall Clock	GE - EK15, Electric Knife	GE - 7-2870, AM-FM Transistor Radio
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Hamilton Beach - 474, Baconer	Farberware - 441, Broiler	Hoover - B3003, Aluminum Fry Pan	GE - P4715, AM-FM Transistor Radio	GE - P4715, AM-FM Transistor Radio
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Community Ed report

By HANK SHAFFER

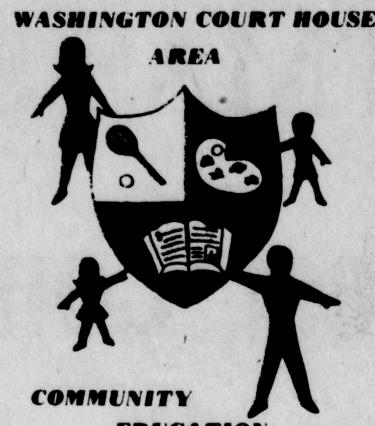
Program Director

This coming week, the Community Education program will have two special activities for the kids while they are out of school. These activities will be the resumption of the open gym program we have sponsored in the past, and a new basketball program for all fifth and sixth graders.

The open gym will be in effect on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays while the kids are out of school. Children in elementary school will be permitted to come to the gym at the Washington C.H. Middle School for recreational activities from 1 until 2:15 p.m. Junior high and high school age will be allowed from 2:15 until 3:30 p.m. The charge for the activity is 25 cents each day that a child comes and they should wear tennis shoes. This is open to all of the children in both the city and county schools.

The basketball program will be for all children in the fifth and sixth grades throughout the county. There will be a teaching session and then the kids will play short games between themselves. This will be held on the same days as the open gym throughout the holiday vacation. The instruction will consist of shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding and defense. The price will be 25 cents per session. The time will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Middle School gymnasium.

This past week, the Community



Education drill team performed at the Washington-Greenfield basketball game, and sang Christmas carols on the Courthouse steps. A large number of people witnessed both.

This coming week, WCHO Radio will be playing more of the grade school children that we taped singing Christmas carols. Each song will be dedicated to one of the senior citizens in the county.

We hope that you and your family will attend the Community Education activities that meet your needs. If we do not have anything that interests you now, let us know by calling 335-6621. We are welcome to any suggestions for recreational, educational, cultural or personal enrichment offerings.

Fayette Memorial Hospital News

ADMISSIONS

Mrs. Terry Moore, 243 W. Elm St., medical.

Mrs. Laura Smith, Rt. 2, medical.

Susie A. Carpenter, 910 E. Paint St., medical.

Homer Wilt, 116 Oakland Ave., medical.

Albert Hyer, 734 S. Fayette St., medical.

Miss Roberta Detty, Greenfield, surgical.

Mrs. Ronald Dowler, 435 Albin Ave., surgical.

Mindy Pendergraft, 701 Willard St., surgical.

DISMISSALS

Mrs. Luther Flowers, Court House Manor Nursing Home, medical.

Couple fined for shoplifting

A Washington C.H. couple was found guilty of petty theft through shoplifting by acting Washington C.H. Municipal Court Judge John P. Case during Wednesday's court session.

Michael and Eugenia Knapp, both 18 and both residing at 230 Henkle St., were arrested by Washington C.H. police officers at 4:46 p.m. Tuesday at Krogers food store, Clinton Avenue, and charged with stealing several packs of cigarettes. Judge Case fined

Knapp \$50 and court costs and sentenced him to serve 15 days in jail with the jail time suspended providing he stay on good behavior one year. The same disposition was levied against his wife.

Ohio Gov. William Allen, 1874-1876, of Chillicothe while serving earlier as a U.S. senator, started the cry in the Oregon boundary dispute of "Fifty-four Forty or Fight."

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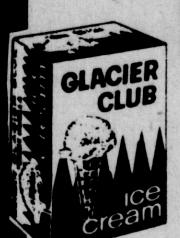
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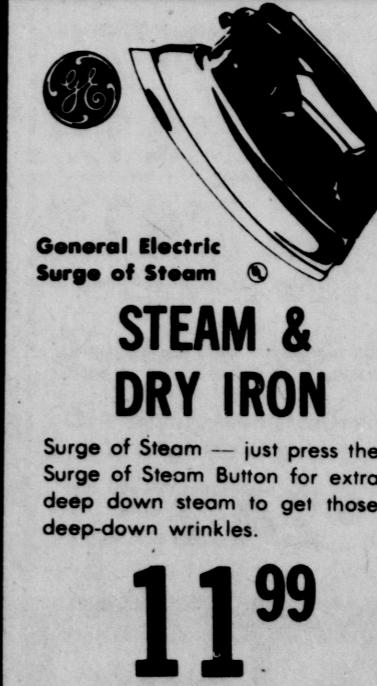
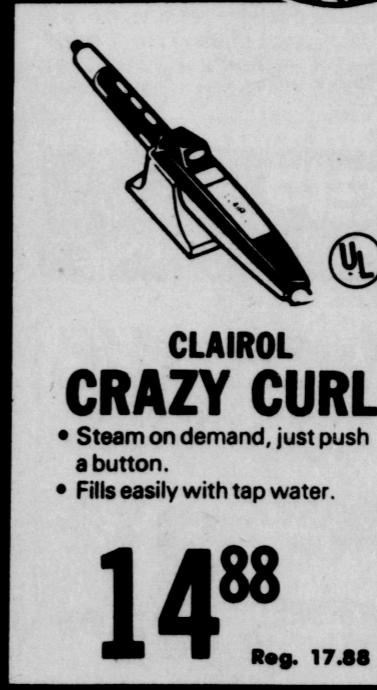
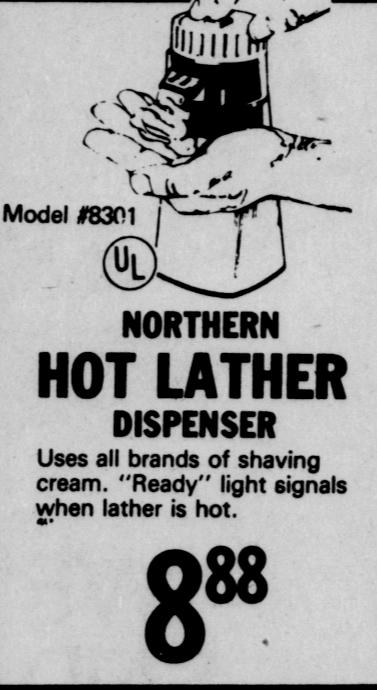
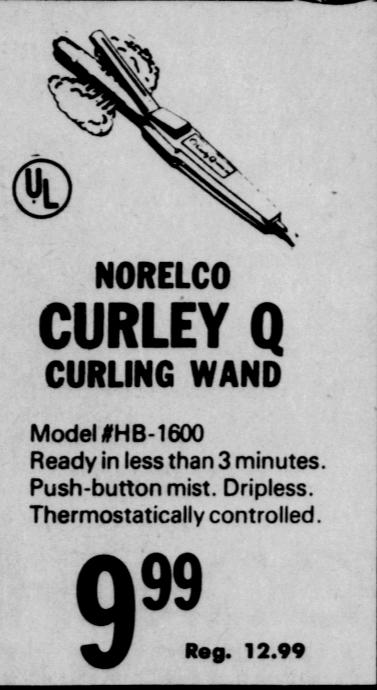
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Claudia Kay Self is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Self. Claudia has three older brothers: Steve, 25, Sam, 23, and Bobby, 21. The family resides at 1103 S. Hinde Street.

The school subjects which Claudia is taking this year are business law, Cooperative Office Education (C.O.E.), office practice, and consumer education. The half of the day which she is off, she works at the Huntington Bank.

She has been in Senior Y-Teens and AFS for three years. Claudia is also in the COE Club - (her first year).

To be outside and to enjoy nature is one of Claudia's favorite pastimes. Her other hobbies include sewing, playing the piano, swimming, bicycling, ice skating, watching sports and being with friends and family.

After graduation, Claudia has no immediate plans for the future. She says she would like to wish the basketball team of WSHS the best of luck on winning the Golden Basketball for the 1975-76 season.

The ambition for Edward Arnold Ward is to either go to work and train harness horses or go to Hocking Technical College and study natural resources and wildlife management.

Eddie's school subjects this year are American government, speech, and Distributive Education II.

His school clubs are AFS, for three years, and DECA and Letterman's Club for two years each.

He enjoys being outside and his hobbies are hunting, fishing, camping, and harness racing.

Eddie is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Selig, 683 Comfort Lane. His brothers and sisters are Steve, 16, Teresa, 14, Beth, 12, Billy, 8, Jackie, 3, and Vickie, 2.

Donna L. Hines is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hines, 1106 Vine St. Donna has two brothers, Danny, 20, (a 1974 graduate of WSHS), and Richard, 5.

The school clubs which Donna is in this year are AFS and Y-Teens, both for two years and COE.

A Scrooge speaks up

By SUE MOORE

It's really hard to get in the Christmas spirit when things aren't going so good at school. You miss Charlie Brown's Christmas special on T.V., and there's not a bit of snow on the ground. In spite of the Christmas tree in our living room, the angels on our piano, and the Nativity scene on our T.V., I was in a mood that would have out-Scrooged Scrooge himself! But as I sat staring moodily at our Christmas tree with its shining gold lights, I was reminded of a beautiful thought, and I felt my bad mood slipping away. The gold lights on our tree brought to mind

the bright, shining star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem that wonderful night so see Jesus. I was reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

So often we tend to get caught up in the tinsel and glitter of the season. Christmas trees are put up and decorations are brought out without really remembering why we are celebrating. All we think of is buying, wrapping, and receiving presents. The true meaning of Christmas seems to get lost in the hustle and bustle of last-minute shopping. We even sing all of our old favorite Christmas carols without really hearing the words.

As I sat gazing at our tree, a fragment of one of my favorite carols drifted through my mind. "God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day." These words truly do bring us "Tidings of comfort and joy." The peace, love, and joy that people feel on Christmas is all due to the birth of the baby Jesus, without whom there would not be a Christmas.

So if you ever get weighed down by Christmas shopping, or if you miss your favorite holiday special on T.V., don't become a Scrooge. Just sit down and think about the true meaning of Christmas, and you will feel your bad mood leaving as quickly as it came, and the peace and joy of Christmas will enter you instead. Believe me, I know! On behalf of the Blue Lines staff, have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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The subjects which she is taking are Steno II, Bookkeeping II, Office Practice, and COE. In the afternoons, she is employed at the Richard R. Willis Insurance agency.

Donna's hobbies are bowling, reading, and "just messing around with her friends."

As of right now, Donna is uncertain about her future plans. She wishes the basketball team the best of luck for a successful season.

"Hondo" is the nickname of Randy Jamison, 18. He lives at 609 Leesburg Avenue with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jamison. He has one older sister, Lana, 28, and one older brother, Benny, 26.

Randy is in the letterman's Club at school. He is a second-year letterman in basketball and he also plays baseball.

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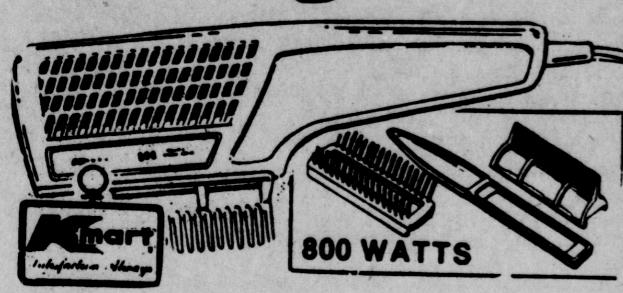
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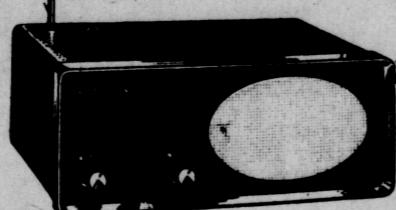
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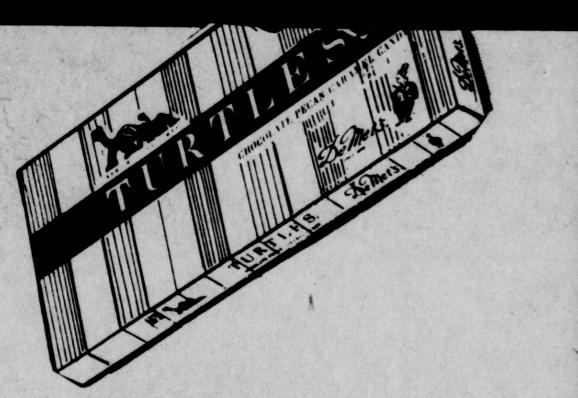
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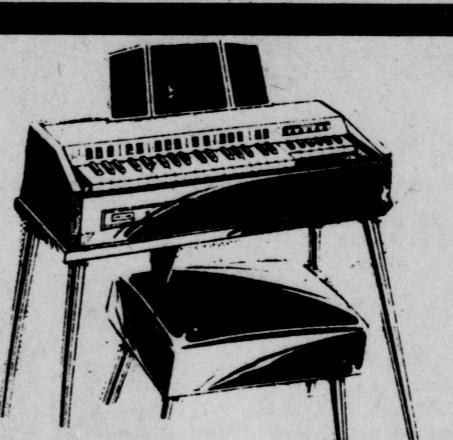
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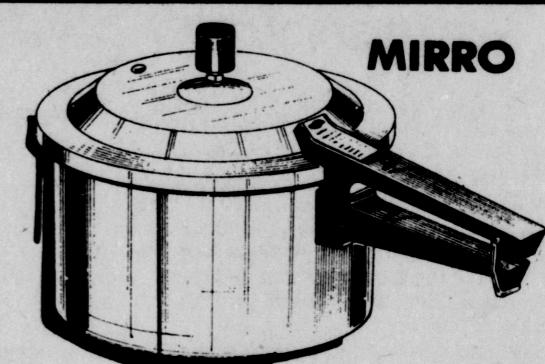
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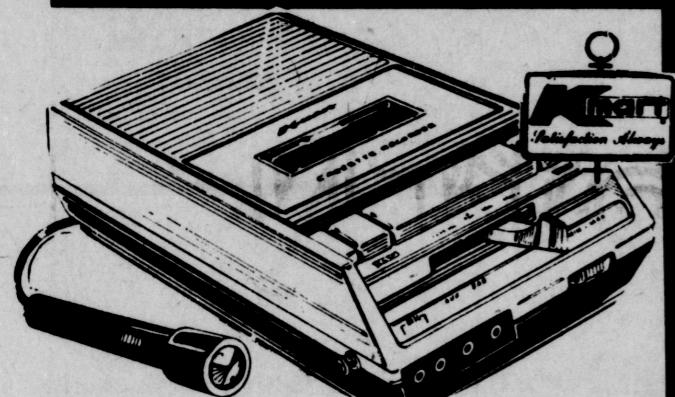
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The question was raised in court arguments Wednesday by two Dayton newspapers and the American Civil Liberties Union. They are trying to have the city's jail log declared a public record.

The city, in fighting the case, maintains it keeps no official record of who is imprisoned in its jail and that none is required. The city says its jail log is only "a convenience for the jailer," thus exempting it from the state open records law.

The justices, while saying they were not accusing Dayton, had questions about that argument.

"What is the real reason that the city refuses to give the newspaper the names of those arrested?" asked Justice William Brown.

Traffic Court

A Sabina man was fined \$50 and court costs by Washington C.H. Municipal Court Judge John P. Case during Wednesday's court proceedings after being found guilty of a traffic infraction.

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4-H roundup

By JEANNIE ANDERSON
4-H Program Assistant

Is your 4-H club looking for an interesting recreational activity for after meetings or maybe a holiday relaxer after that big Christmas dinner that you are going to be eating? Well, perhaps you should look into chess, a game which many people have been enjoying for years. Even better, why not start a 4-H chess club? You could even hold chess matches with other 4-H clubs. The games are always highly spirited, and convincing proof that chess is anything but dull.

A 4-H chess club in Vermont was started by a boy that learned the game from a friend. He quickly introduced it to his fellow 4-Hers, and as a result, over 40 members, leaders, friends, and relatives became chess players that year. Since then, hundreds of other people have picked up the game the same way.

The enthusiasm for this game soon led to contests involving other local clubs, and matches in which people from all over the community played. Old and young alike turned out on those occasions, and some of the more involved players actually continued their games over two or three evenings, to determine final champion.

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U.S. may shun

PARIS (AP) — The United States may walk out of a conference sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) because it approved a reference to the Zionism-racism resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly last month.

The U.S. delegation was awaiting instructions from Washington. Observers believed it would stage a walkout.

The 80-nation conference is drafting a declaration of guidelines for the news media to use in "strengthening peace and international understanding and in combating war propaganda, racism and apartheid."

By a vote of 38 to 22 with seven abstentions, the conference agreed Wednesday to include a reference to the designation numbers of the Assembly resolution declaring Zionism a form of racism and to two other U.N. resolutions on Zionism.

Fifteen delegations were absent when the vote was taken. Voting with the Arab nations were all of the Soviet bloc except Czechoslovakia and Romania, Yugoslavia, Cuba, Turkey, seven black African governments and four Asian nations. The votes against the amendment were cast by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Haiti, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liberia, Norway, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States, Uruguay, Venezuela and West Germany.

The United States lobbied unsuccessfully to require unanimous approval of all conference decisions, while Algeria and Iraq wanted a

fascinating variety of chess sets were used—some 4-Hers built their own, and carved their own pieces.

Starting a chess club can be easy. The average person can learn how to play in 5 minutes, and it doesn't take any exceptional brilliance to go on to championship. Younger 4-Hers probably will learn most quickly, for they won't have been subjected to prejudices that chess is reserved for "intellectuals."

If you're wanting to hold a championship match, pair off all players. Continue matching winners against other winners until only one is left. There are several variations on chess you might want to try. One popular variation is "10-second chess," in which a player must move a piece within 10 seconds, or forfeit his play.

One of the greatest things about chess is that it can bring together people of many different ages, backgrounds, occupations and interests.

Ready to start your chess club or even better would you like to lead a chess club? Call 335-1150 for more information.

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. Merry Christmas to all.

UNESCO meet

specific condemnation of Zionism, the movement for a Jewish national homeland in Israel. As a compromise, Yugoslavia proposed inclusion of the anti-Zionist resolutions by referring to their designation numbers.

Ohio will receive another \$2.5 million in federal funds for development of local correctional projects such as "halfway houses" and community programs for ex-offenders.

Two youths arrested in stolen auto case

officers after he kicked in a front storm door at the Cindy K. Seymour residence, 604 Columbus Ave., at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday. Police stated the owner of the Seymour home was Gary Cartwright.

Irene Johnson, 83, of 424 Third St., was scratched on the right leg by a cat at her residence at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. She was treated and released at Fayette County Memorial Hospital, according to Washington C.H. police.

Arrests

SHERIFF
WEDNESDAY — Silas J. Williams, 30, Bloomingburg, passing a fraudulent check; Kenneth R. Johnson, 28, Mount Sterling, non-support.

POLICE

WEDNESDAY — Albert F. Randolph, 83, of 416½ East St., failure to yield right of way; a 16-year-old Greenfield boy, failure to yield right of way at stop sign, driving with no operator's license and unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Dorothy P. Hawk, 55, Sabina, failure to obey traffic device.

THURSDAY — George D. Remy, 25, of 716½ Yeoman St., criminal mischief.

PATROL

WEDNESDAY — Robert W. Johnson, 21, Lewistown, Pa., speeding; James L. Langerman, 20, Oxford, speeding.

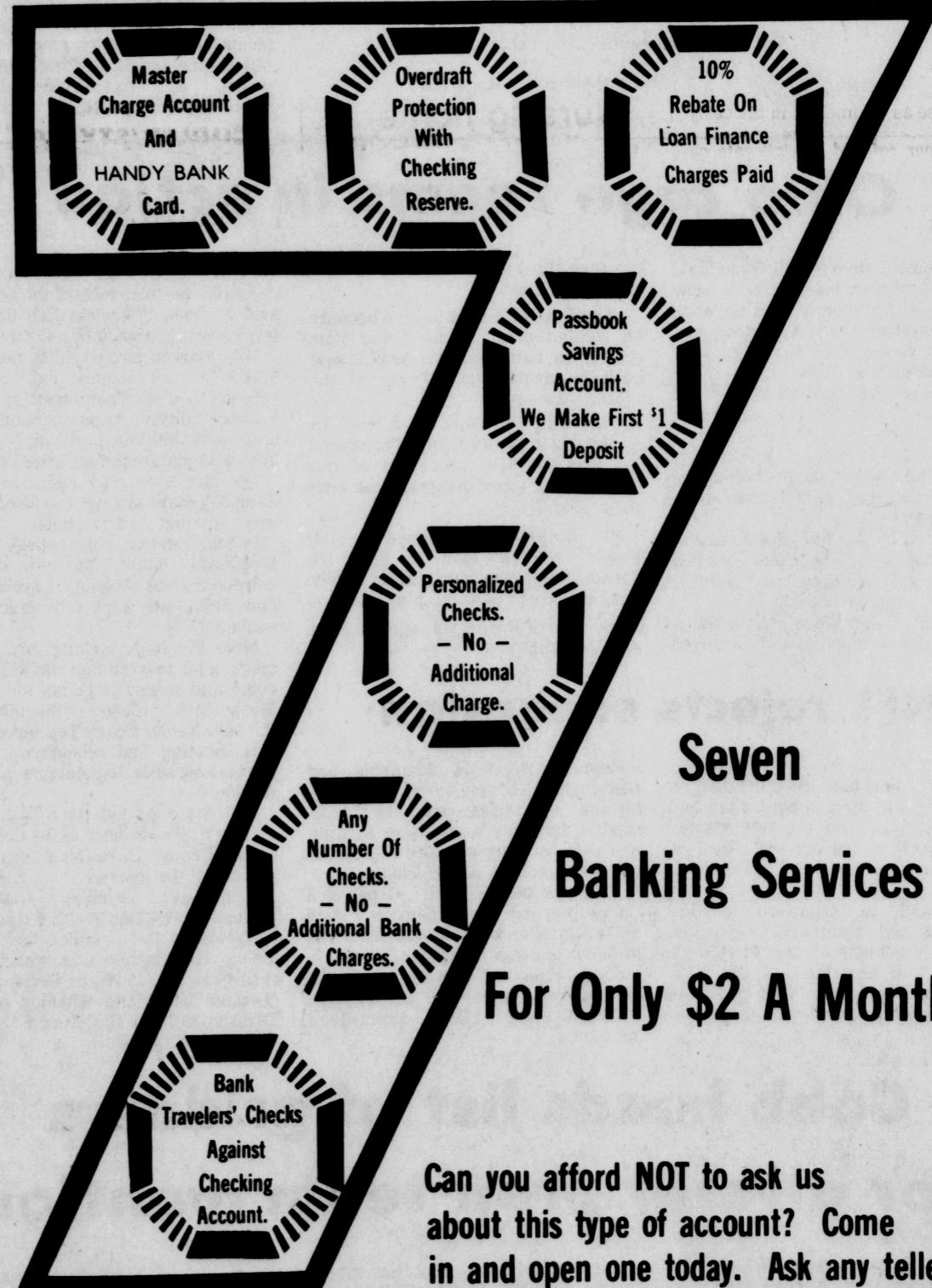
Crime fund bid by state approved

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The state's application for \$21 million in federal law enforcement funds to reduce crime and improve the state's criminal justice system has been approved.

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Trace out to break 3-game Blue Lion streak in county

By PHIL LEWIS
Record Herald Sports Editor

After 15 years of competition and 30 meetings between the Miami Trace and the Washington C.H. basketball teams, the Panthers hold a commanding 22-8 victory margin.

However, coach Gary Shaffer's Blue Lion roundballers are currently enjoying a three-game winning streak over their county rivals, and they will be trying to extend that mark to five in a row this Friday night at Miami Trace.

The last of the many Panther victories came in December of 1973, when Trace edged the eventual SCOL champions, 51-50, on their home court. The Blue Lions topped Dale Creamer's Panthers, 74-67, later on in the season to clinch the league crown.

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The Panthers dropped their first two outings of the season by three points a piece before stopping Madison Plains in their home opener and stomping Hillsboro a week later.

Miami Trace turned in a poor showing against the league leading Circleville Tigers in its last outing which left veteran coach—but new to Trace—John Woomuls with a problem, is not sure which players will start.

"I'm going to start all over tomorrow," Woomuls said after the Panthers, 67-50, loss to Circleville which saw Woomuls clear the bench looking for the right combination.

After dishing out a sound trouncing to Hillsboro the previous week, Woomuls appeared to have found his starting five, but the practice before the Circleville game and the game itself left the Trace mentor uncertain.

"Our starting five (Alan Conner, Dan Gifford, Joe Black, Rod Garris and Art Schlichter) got beat two out of three times yesterday (Monday), by the second team and tonight they played like they did in practice," Woomuls said Tuesday night.

Coach Shaffer, on the other hand, is certain which of his Blue Lions will take the floor at Miami Trace Friday night.

High scoring guard Chuck Byrd and senior Scott Sefton will start in the backcourt and veteran Doug Phillips and sophomore John Denen will get the call at the forward positions. Ken Upthegrove is set at the post position.

It is basically the same lineup that Shaffer has gone with all season.

Offensively, the Blue Lions have been having some problems. They ran up high point totals in the first two games this season, but they have been unable to score over 50 points in the last two outings.

It is no mystery to Shaffer why his squad dropped the two-point decision to Wilmington Tuesday night. After committing 12 turnovers and missing several foul shots in the bonus situation during the fourth quarter, it would have been surprising if the Blue Lions had won.

Shaffer said his man-to-man defense will be concentrating on holding down Miami Trace's Alan Conner, who is scoring at a 19 point clip. Woomuls no doubt has the same strategy planned against Washington C.H.'s Chuck Byrd, who has scored 30 points in one outing this year and is currently hitting for an 18.5 average.

Shaffer will also be urging his frontline to hit the boards, and that could give the Panthers some real problems. Rebounding was one of the keys in the Panther's loss to Circleville as they failed to grab their share of the rebounds. The previous week, the Panthers hit the boards well, and were able to get their fastbreak offense going to ruin Hillsboro.

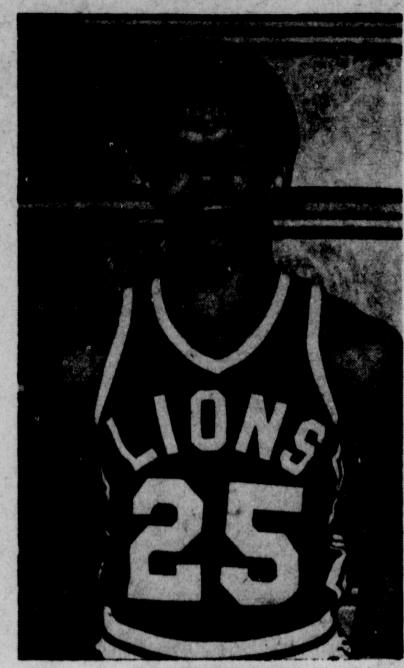
Whether Woomuls decides to start junior forward Dan Gifford and guard Rod Garris or not, the two Panthers are sure to see some action Friday night. Gifford is presently scoring nearly 15 points a game while Garris is hitting at a 10.5 clip.

Shaffer will be able to counter with Phillips and Denen in the scoring department as they hold a 15.5 and a 11.3 scoring averages respectively.

Tipoff time is slated for 6:30 p.m. Friday when the undefeated Blue Lion reserves take on the Panther jaycees. The varsity contest will follow.



ALAN CONNER



CHUCK BYRD

Bob Brown ready to rap Chargers

OSU turns back Toledo

By KEN RAPPORST
AP Sports Writer

The Toledo Rockets were driving for a score, but ran into some pretty bad traffic at Ohio State.

The Rockets smashed into a stop sign when the Buckeyes changed to a wicked man-to-man defense in the last seconds and as a result, lost a 76-72 thriller to the Buckeyes.

"We wanted to set a pick for Larry Cole," explained Toledo Coach Bob Nichols about his last-second strategy, "but we couldn't get the ball up the floor fast enough. Careless ball-handling let us down. It should be our strength."

Ohio State held a tenuous 74-72 lead with 11 seconds left and the Rockets in possession of the ball. But when the visitors attempted to move it any noticeable distance, the Buckeyes were all on top of them.

"We went to a man-to-man because we wanted them to use some time getting the ball down the court," said Ohio State Coach Fred Taylor, who had used the zone defense for most of the game.

Terry Burris' two free throws with less than two minutes remaining gave the Buckeyes their winning points. And after the Rockets failed in their attempt to score against that brutal Ohio State defense, the Buckeyes' Jud Wood was fouled and converted two shots for the final margin.

In other college basketball games, Xavier of Ohio defeated Chicago Loyola 75-59; St. Francis, N.Y., trimmed Navy 78-66; Creighton turned back Iowa State 73-61; Utah State blasted Brigham Young 87-76; Dartmouth beat Harvard 86-75; Fordham nipped Brown 65-64; St. Bonaventure tripped Thomas More 70-63; New

Orleans held off Wisconsin-Milwaukee 65-62 and Evansville upset Mississippi State 85-73.

Mike Plunkett and Dave Harman scored 16 points each and Xavier used a swarming defense to beat Chicago Loyola. Plunkett sat out the first eight minutes while freshman David Payton started, but later triggered a 16-0 streak for the winners.

The St. Francis Terriers beat Navy behind Manny Figueroa and Jerome Williams. Figueroa scored 25 points while Williams had 23. The victory evened the Terriers' record at 3-3. St. Francis hasn't had a winning season since 1966-67.

Rick Apke and John Johnson combined for 39 points to carry deliberate Creighton past winless Iowa State. The 1-2 punch overshadowed a 29-point performance by Iowa State's Hercle Ivy. Ed Gregg scored 24 points to lead Utah State over Brigham Young. Larry Cubas poured in 24 points to power Dartmouth past Harvard.

Free throws by Stan Frankoski and Kevin Carlesimo helped Fordham beat Brown in the final minutes. Essie Hollis sank a 15-foot jump shot to give St. Bonaventure its first lead of the game 59-57 and the Indians went on to beat Thomas More. Wayne Cooper's 23 points led New Orleans over Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Mike Platt fired in 26 points as Evansville defeated previously-undefeated Mississippi State.

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Ohio cage teams in action

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State has relied almost entirely on a zone defense for its two basketball victories this season. But it was a brief man-to-man that saved a 76-72 verdict over Toledo Wednesday night.

The Rockets had the ball at their end of the floor, trailing by two points with 11 seconds left.

"We wanted to set a pick for Larry Cole. But we couldn't get the ball up the floor fast enough," said Toledo Coach Bob Nichols.

Pressured by the Buckeyes' man-to-man early, the Rockets wasted valuable seconds. Cole tried a futile shot with three seconds to go.

Ohio State's Jud Wood was fouled in the scramble for the ball and converted

two free throws for the final margin after the buzzer.

"We went to the man-to-man because we wanted them to use some time getting the ball down the court," said Buckeye mentor Fred Taylor of the telltale strategy.

After watching Ohio State level its record at 2-2, Taylor said, "The second half was the best we've played this year. We did some things at both ends of the floor."

The Buckeyes overturned a 37-32 Toledo halftime lead to keep the Rockets winless in four games. Toledo comes back tonight to play its first home date of the season against Eastern Montana.

NFL rejects expansion

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League has closed the door on expanding into Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn., for the 1976 season, but refused to lock out the cities for future consideration.

"We had no negatives to Birmingham and Memphis," said Dan Rooney, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers and chairman of the NFL Expansion Committee. "Our problems are expansion per se—not these two cities."

Representatives of Memphis and Birmingham, hoping to join the NFL for the 1976 season, were told Wednesday that they would have to wait, and even then are not sure bets to become members of the league.

"The people on our Expansion Committee are pro-expansion," said NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle. "The problem is committing now."

John Bassett, president of the Memphis Grizzlies said he was not satisfied with the committee's reasoning.

"This could have been our best defensive performance of the season," said Nichols. "Careless ball handling let us down. It should be our strength."

Mike Larsen poured in 25 points for Toledo before fouling out with 13 seconds to play. Cole added 19.

Larry Bolden's 21 points paced Ohio State with Jud Wood scoring 18, Craig Taylor 15 and freshman Fred Poole 12.

The Buckeyes play again at home Saturday night against Davidson, a 2-4 team starting four freshmen.

In other major Ohio college action Wednesday night, Xavier's defense helped clobber Chicago Loyola 75-59 and Ball State kept Cleveland State winless 77-69.

Mike Plunkett, yielding his Xavier starting job to freshman David Payton, came and scored 16 points for the 5-2 Musketeers. "I'll give Plunkett credit," said Xavier Coach Tay Baker. "He was shooting and rebounding. Those are his long suits. Without him, we're in trouble."

Ball State posted its fifth straight victory at the expense of 0-6 Cleveland State. Center Dave Kyle scored 24 points for the losers.

Elsewhere, Findlay outscored Urbana 105-95, Don Smith's tipin gave Cedarville a 72-71 verdict over Mount Union, Rio Grande was whacked by South Florida 115-76 and Defiance beat Wooster 100-93 and Wheaton handled Denison 80-73 in first round Defiance Tournament games.

Cobb heads list of gridders for all-star prep team mention

Miami Trace's Greg Cobb heads the list of eight athletes from Region 14 of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association (OHSFCA) selected to the 64-man, player

pool for the Ohio High School North-South All-Star Football Game.

Selection to the player-pool does not necessarily mean the athletes will be picked to play in the annual prep classic which will be held at Ohio Stadium in Columbus on Aug. 6 of next year.

The coaches will select a 33-man squad to represent the South team, and 24 players must come from the 64-man pool. The remaining nine players will be selected at large from southern Ohio.

At least three of the eight high school gridders from Region 14 which includes Fayette and 12 other counties in south-central Ohio, will be picked for the squad.

Along with Cobb, who is listed as a linebacker, Biff Bumgarner of Circleville and Jack O'Rourke of Blanchester were named to the player pool.

Both Cobb and Bumgarner earned all-district and all-state first team honors. O'Rourke, who led his team to a perfect season, is listed as a quarterback.

The other five players from region 14 are: Mark Cox and Cubby Wilson of London, Wayne Yowell of Tecumseh, Roland James of Jamestown, Greeneview, and Bruce Robinett of Xenia.

Bob Lewis, the coach at class AA state champion Cincinnati Wyoming, will be the head coach of next year's South squad. He will be assisted by Jake Olsaveky of Bellaire, Mike Locke of Canal Winchester and Blanchester's Jack O'Rourke, Sr.

The final 33-man South squad will be announced in late January.

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ON EDGE — Soviet gymnast Ludmilla Tourischeva balances on her toes on the balance beam during a gymnastics exhibition in Cincinnati. Miss Tourischeva recently won five gold medals in the World Cup competition in London.

Kentucky State tops cage poll

By The Associated Press

Kentucky State, overshadowed in its own back yard by major basketball powers Kentucky and Louisville, still had enough of a national reputation to top today's rankings in the first week of The Associated Press College Division Poll.

Kentucky State, 3-0, was checked off first on 13 of the 35 ballots cast by a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters for games through last Sunday, earning the Thorobreds 214 out of a possible 350 points.

Alcorn, sporting a 4-0 record, trailed by 19 points after picking up four first-place votes. Grand Canyon, 8-0, took third on the strength of three first-place ballots and totaled 185 points, five more than No. 4 ranked UT-Chattanooga, 4-0, which picked up eight first-place votes.

There was a drop of 53 points from the No. 4 spot to No. 5, occupied by St. Mary's of Texas, 8-1, which picked up two first-place votes.

Old Dominion, last year's No. 1 ranked college division team, had 119 points and three firstplace ballots for sixth place after losing three of its first five games. All the losses were to division one teams.

Gardner-Webb, 7-2, held down the No. 7 position with 100 points. Jackson State, 3-1, was eighth with 91 points. Gannon, 5-0, wrapped up the ninth spot

with 76 points and Norfolk State, 4-1, turned up in 10th place with 71 points.

Marymount, Kan., 8-1, edged Tennessee State, for 11th position 48-47, although Tennessee State, 5-0, was deemed the No. 1 team by one voter.

Two points separated the Nos. 8 and 10 teams. North Dakota, 6-1, earned 37 points and Fairmont State, 5-0, had 35 points and a first-place vote. Randolph-Macon, 3-1, was parked in the middle, winding up in 14th place with 36 points.

Here are the Top 15 teams in The Associated Press college division basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through games of Sunday Dec. 14 and total points. Points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

1. Kentucky St. (13)	3-0	214
2. Alcorn (4)	4-0	195
3. Grand Canyon (3)	8-0	185
4. UT-Chattanooga (8)	4-0	180
5. St. Mary's (2)	8-1	127
6. Old Dominion (3)	2-3	119
7. Gardner-Webb	7-2	100
8. Jackson St.	3-1	91
9. Gannon	5-0	76
10. Norfolk St.	4-1	71
11. Marymount, Kan.	8-1	48
12. Tennessee St. (1)	5-0	47
13. North Dakota	6-1	37
14. Randolph-Macon	3-1	36
15. Fairmont St. (1)	5-0	35

Stan Fritts makes mark with Bengals

CINCINNATI (AP) — Today's scoreboard stumper: who is the leading touchdown scorer for the playoff-minded Cincinnati Bengals?

Try rookie Stan Fritts. That's what Coach Paul Brown has been doing when the Bengals need the hard yards.

"When it comes to football, I'm all business," says Fritts, a fourth round

draft choice who was once written off as major college material.

Fritts has been a surprise for the 10-3 Bengals, who need a victory Sunday against San Diego for a berth in the National Football League playoffs.

Besides gaining Brown's confidence on touchdown plunges, Fritts' 82 yard rushing effort against a rock-ribbed Houston defense was the best outing of the season by a Bengal running back.

"I'd like more playing time," says the Oak Ridge, Tenn., native, who feels he is improving quickly enough to challenge for a starting spot.

Fritts has provided a lift to a sometimes-sputtering Cincinnati running game. One of a 10 rookies to crack the veteran roster, he has 79 carries for 293 yards.

"He's what I call a detail, 'gut' player," says Bengals backfield coach Jack Donaldson. "He carries out every little detail all the way. Completely. I admire it."

Fritts' scrappy style has endeared him to Brown, the coaching legend who is in his 40th season.

Penn State's John Cappelletti is the first from the school to be voted the Heisman Trophy as the nation's outstanding football player.

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Wrestlers readying for eight-team tourney

Panthers anxious for Circleville meet

Miami Trace wrestling coach Glen Jacobsen said he is looking forward to an exciting day of wrestling and his grapplers have their weights down and are also anxiously awaiting Saturday's invitational meet at Circleville.

Last Saturday's last place finish at the Franklin Heights Invitational meet which was highlighted by several fine individual showings, but an unspectacular team point total, hasn't been to bother the Panther's team moral.

Last week, Miami Trace's young and basically inexperienced squad met up with juniors and seniors sporting four to five years of wrestling experience in the Columbus school system. This week, the Panthers will be faced with a similar situation as at least three of the eight squads in the tournament are considered tough and experienced.

Besides host team Circleville and the Panthers, Athens, Ironton, Columbus Wehrle, Fairfield Union, West Jefferson and Madison Plains will be entered in the meet.

Jacobsen knows that Fairfield Union

fields a tough squad after the school took third place in last week's Franklin Heights Invitational. Athens and Circleville also figure to be teams to reckon with as does Ironton.

Jacobsen admits he knows very little about Wehrle, West Jefferson, and South Central Ohio League member Madison Plains, but he is certainly not worried about a lack of competition.

Heading up the Panther delegation to the tourney will be co-captains Jay Crummy and Kurt Klonz. Crummy sat out the last tourney because of

illness, but he should be ready to go Saturday. If not, Jeff Creamer will fill in for the Panther's top wrestler in the 175-pound class.

Klonz turned in a fine performance last week winning his 145-pound weight class and coming away with the meet's "Most Outstanding Wrestler" award.

Sophomore Scott Martin was the other individual weight class champion

last week for the Panthers in the 138-pound division. John Burr at 185-pounds and 105-pounder Randy Slutz placed in their respective weight divisions at Franklin Heights.

Mike Hill will move up a weight group to fill in for Jim Stuckey, who along with his brother, Kirk, will miss Saturday's meet because of family obligations.

Dave Hennessy draws the tough job of filling in for Kirk Stuckey in the 155-pound class.

Rounding out the Panther squad will be Jim Ward at 98-pounds, Mike Dunton at 112, Bruce Fennig at 119, Todd Anderson at 126, Shawn Riley at 167, and Chris Schlichter at 180-pounds.

Rose eager for 3rd base slot

NEW YORK (AP) — In the spirit of the season, Cincinnati's Pete Rose has some holiday greetings for Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn...and a reminder.

"I would like to make the All-Star team at third base," said Rose, "if he (Kuhn) puts me on the ballot there."

Rose, of course, presented a problem for the ballot printers last season. They put him in the outfield and he showed up at third base. The fans elected him to the starting lineup anyway, and he would like to be there again next summer.

"I don't think anybody's been elected at four different positions," said Rose. "I've made it at second base, left field and right field."

If the commissioner puts Rose on the ballot at third base, the Reds' veteran promises to stay put. "I'm the third baseman," he said Wednesday. "I'm staying there."

Rose figures that he and the other seven starters in Cincinnati's world championship lineup are set. "They don't need any changes there," he said. But Rose figures the trades last week that added Mike Lum and Bob Bailey

to the Reds' bench will help his club repeat as World Series winners.

"Lum gives us left-handed bench strength and Bailey will be a good right-handed pinchhitter for us," he said. "We gave up Darrel Chaney for Lum and he's a good kid, but we have Doug Flynn to replace him. We gave up Clay Kirby for Bailey and he didn't figure in our pitching rotation anyway."

Rose thought the development of relievers Will McEnaney and Rawly Eastwick had led the Reds to trade bullpen specialist Clay Carroll to Chicago.

"I wasn't surprised," he said. What did surprise Rose was the swap that sent outfielder Rusty Staub from the New York Mets to Detroit for left-hander Mickey Lolich. "What'd they want with another left-hander?" asked Rose. "They've already got (Jon) Matlack and (Jerry) Koosman. Maybe they've got another deal cooking."

Rose was in town to collect a gift from Sports Illustrated as the 1975 Sportsman of the Year.

Tangerine contestants ready

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — While Miami of Ohio is after its third straight Tangerine Bowl victory, South Carolina will be seeking its first bowl win ever.

But South Carolina is by no means jinxed in bowl competition, since Saturday's contest will be only its third bowl appearance in the history of its football program.

The Gamecocks went to the Gator Bowl in 1945 with a 2-4-3 record and lost 26-14 to Wake Forest. They played West Virginia—then coached by South Carolina's Jim Carlen—in the Peach Bowl in 1969 and were beaten 14-3.

"I certainly hope South Carolina fans don't think they have a bowl game jinx. There's no such thing," said Carlen, who has "been running a mile a minute all week" recruiting.

"But I'll tell you one thing, our main concern right now is winning this bowl game. That will help recruiting more than our talking" to prospective players.

Assistant coach Bob Gatling says the 1975 Miami squad is very similar to those that whipped the Gamecocks in 1972 and 1973.

Miami doesn't have any gimmicks or fancy stuff, the Redskins just play fundamental football, he says.

"They are a ground control team and they run the ball right at you," said Gatling. "This week we will be going over their films to recognize the little things they do on offense and defense

just like we have done for all the other teams we have played this season."

Gatling said the Gamecocks will arrive in Orlando, Fla., on Thursday and probably will workout that day. He said a Friday workout was questionable, since South Carolina normally does not practice the day before a football game.

"There's not much we can do except be in shape and be mentally ready for Miami," said Gatling. "I think our players have the same kind of emotional feeling about this game as they did going into the Clemson game. I hope they play the same way."

South Carolina defeated arch rival Clemson 56-20 in the last game of the regular season.

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Love,
Jennifer Morris
48 Charity Ct.

Dear Santa,

I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a toy typewriter, play dough a holly hobbie doll, and friend.

Bring Kirby, my brother, some toys with wheels. Don't forget my other brothers, Jerry, Terry and Mike, and all the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Michelle Brady
614 N. North St.

Dear Santa,

I would like to know how is your raindeers especially Rudolph. I am Steve Leach I am seven years old. And I would like some toys. I would like to have an Evil Knevil Rally and a snoopy driven movie and a snoopy sower. Well I guess that is that.

Thank you
Steve Leach
320 Forest St.

The name of Sandusky County, Ohio, founded in 1820, comes from the Indian word for "cold water."

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Timmy and I am seven years old. I have been a very good boy all year. That is, as good as a boy can be.

For Christmas I would like Weebles Tree House, Planet of the Apes, cars and trucks, and a whole bunch of other things.

Thank you Santa and I'll be looking for you.

Timothy McDaniel
607 Gibbs Ave.

Dear Santa,

My name is Robie Cox. I am four years old. I have been a good boy. Would you please bring Daddy and me a T.P.P. motorcycle? Also I want roller skates, a model race car, a drum, legos, a jump-o-ween, and a doorway gym bar. I will leave you a root beer under the Christmas tree when you come to my house on Christmas Eve. I live at 5380 Milledgeville-Octa Rd. N.W.

I love you,
Robie

Dear Santa,

My name is Teresa Kay. I am six years old. I've been a pretty good girl. Please leave me a Baby Dreams, a radio, a game, and anything else you want to bring me. I will leave a bucket of water for the reindeer and milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Teresa Morris
48 Charity Ct.

Dear Santa,

I am six years old and pretty good sometimes. My two brothers and two sisters aren't as good, though (But don't forget them.)

Please bring me motorcycle model, a Big Wheel, toy gun, a helmet and an Evel Knievel, a cold cold pop machine, Race Track.

Leaving milk and cookies for you,

Thank You
Daron Ray Wilson
1322 Grace St.

P.S. Bring Daddy some oats for his horses, too.

Dear Santa,

My name is Shawna and I am three years old. My aunt is writing this for me as I am not old enough to write yet.

I have tried to be a very good little girl for my aunt this year.

You would make me a very happy little girl if you were to bring me, Baby Alive, Etch a sketch, Weebles Tree House and what ever you think I deserve.

Thank you Santa, and I'll be looking for you Christmas Eve.

Shawna Stevens
524 High St.

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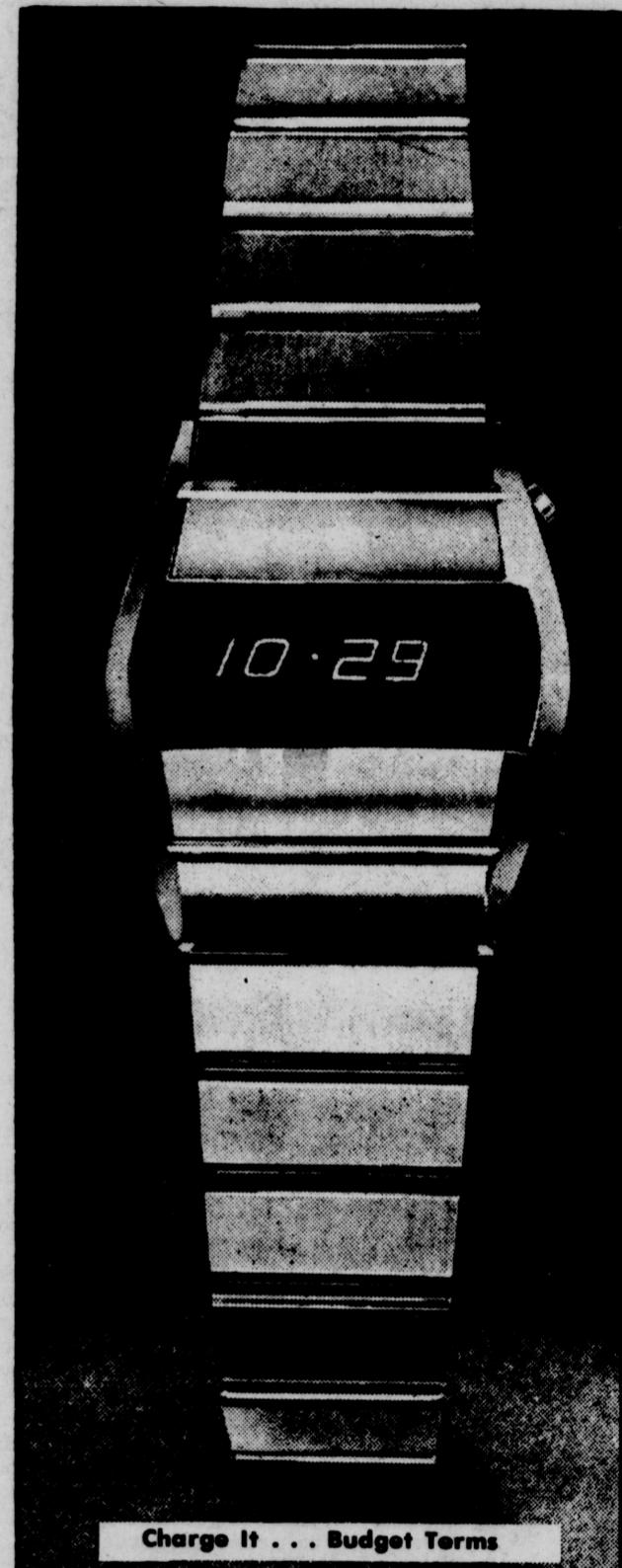
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Television Listings

THURSDAY

6:00 — (2-4-5-7-9-10) News; (6-12) ABC News; (13) Hogan's Heroes; (11) Andy Griffith; (8) Carrascoledas. 6:30 — (2-4-5) NBC News; (6) Andy Griffith; (7-9-10) CBS News; (12) Room 222; (13) Adam-12; (8) Gettin' Over; (11) Star Trek. 7:00 — (2-6) Bowling for Dollars; (4) Vaudeville; (5-13) To Tell the Truth; (7-10) News; (9) Truth or Consequences; (12) Mike Douglas; (8) Afrormation. 7:30 — (2) Hollywood Squares; (5) Bengals '75; (6-7-9) Ohio State Lottery; (10) Wild Kingdom; (13) Candid Camera; (8) Evening Edition with Martin Agronksy; (11) Love, American Style. 8:00 — (2-4-5) Grady; (6-12-13) Barney Miller; (7-9-10) Waltons; (8) Romantic Rebellion; (11) Maverick. 8:30 — (2-4) Cop and the Kid; (5) Little Match Girl; (6-12-13) On The Rocks; (8) Classic Theatre Preview. 9:00 — (2-4-5) Ellery Queen; (7-9) Hawaii Five-O; (6-12-13) Streets of San Francisco; (10) Oral Roberts' Christmas is Love; (8) Classic Theatre; (11) Merv Griffin. 10:00 — (2-4-5) Medical Story; (7-9) Barnaby Jones; (6-12-13) Lola Falana; (10) Christmas at Home with the King Family. 10:30 — (11) Cross-Wits. 11:00 — (2-4-5-6-7-9-10-12) News; (8) ABC News; (11) Honeymooners; (13) Love, American Style. 11:30 — (2-4-5) Johnny Carson; (7-9) Movie-Drama; (6-12) FBI; (10) Movie-Drama; (11) Ironside; (13) Mannix. 12:30 — (6-12) Mannix; (11) Mission: Impossible; (13) Longstreet. 1:00 — (2-4-5) Tomorrow; (9) Bible Answers. 1:30 — (6-12) Longstreet; (9) News.

FRIDAY

6:00 — (2-4-5-7-9-10) News; (12) ABC News; (8) Villa Alegre; (11) Andy Griffith. 6:30 — (2-4-5) NBC News; (6) Andy Griffith; (7-9-10) CBS News; (13) Room 222; (13) Adam-12; (11) Star Trek; (8) Life around Us. 7:00 — (2-6) Bowling for Dollars; (4-13) To Tell the Truth; (5) A Matter of Life; (7-10) News; (9) Truth or Consequences; (12) Mike Douglas; (8) Ohio Journal. 7:30 — (2) Family Tree; (4) Little Match Girl; (5) Hollywood Squares; (6) Candid Camera; (7) Truth or Consequences; (9) Let's Make a Deal; (10) \$25,000 Pyramid; (13) Don Adams Screen Test; (8) Evening Edition with Martin Agronksy; (11) Love, American Style. 8:00 — (2-4-5) Story of the First Christmas Snow; (6-12-13) Movie-Drama; (7-9-10) Movie-Drama; (8) Washington Week in Review; (11) Blue-Gray Game. 8:30 — (2-4-5) Chico and the Man; (8) Wall Street Week. 9:00 — (2-4-5) Rockford Files; (8) Masterpiece Theatre. 10:00 — (2-4-5) Police Story; (8) Aviation weather. 10:30 — (8) Book Beat. 10:45 — (6) News. 11:00 — (2-4-5-12) News; (8) ABC News; (11) Honeymooners; (13) Love, American Style. 11:15 — (6) American All. 11:20 — (7-9-10) News. 11:30 — (2-4-5) Johnny Carson; (6) Sammons and Company; (12) FBI; (11) Ironside; (13) Wide World Special. 11:50 — (7) Movie-Adventure; (9) Movie-Drama; (10) Movie-Thriller. 12:30 — (12) Wide World Special; (11) Mission: Impossible. 1:00 — (2-4-5) Midnight Special; (6) Wide World Special. 1:20 — (10) Movie-Thriller. 1:55 — (7) Movie-Musical. 2:00 — (9) Sacred Heart. 2:30 — (2) Movie-Comedy; (4) Movie-Drama; (5) Peyton Place; (9) News. 3:00 — (5) Peyton Place. 3:30 — (5) Peyton Place; (7) Movie-Western. 4:30 — (4) Movie-Crime Drama; (7) Movie-Comedy. 5:00 — (2) Movie-Drama.

Set task force
on natural gas

ASHLAND, Ohio (AP) — Mayor Don Richey and 14 businessmen have formed a task force to urge residential gas users to conserve fuel this winter.

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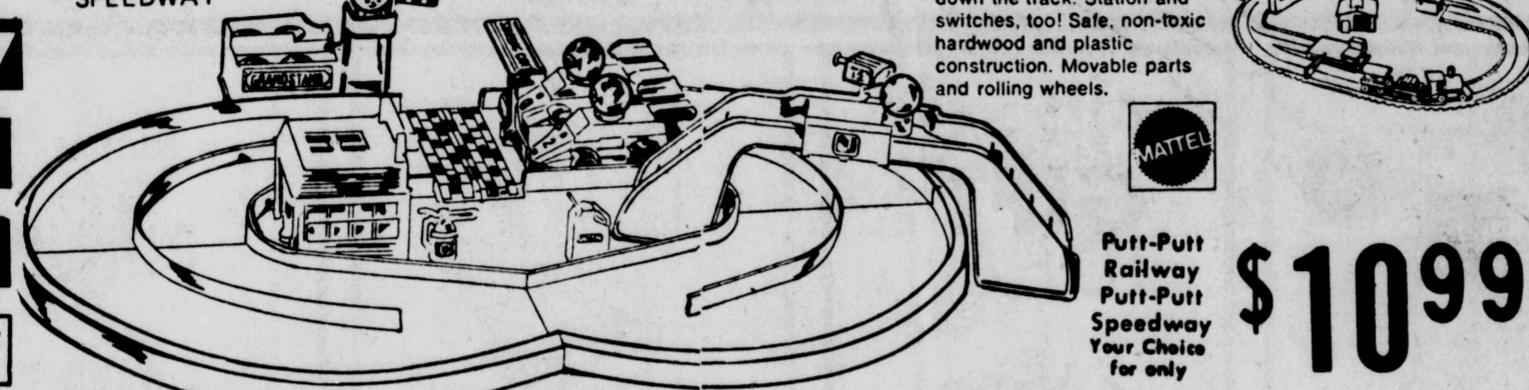
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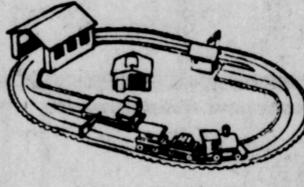
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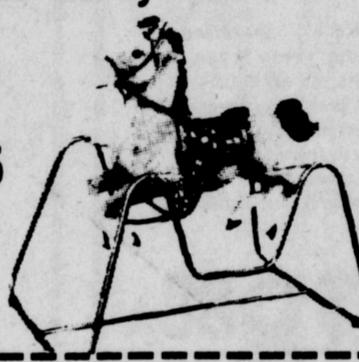
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TV Viewing

NEW YORK (AP) — Okay, gang, guess it's time to report the battle damage to our Sept. 23 *Fearless Forecast*, in which we predicted which of the new weekly series on television would prosper or poop out.

We have to say the Forecast, made without reference to tea leaves or their equivalent, the Nielsen ratings, was off. To quote the guy who once saw a sausage-eating seagull, things took a turn for the worst.

Of 26 new shows on the air, we were wrong about the future of eight, right about the future of 13. The jury is still out on five others. On a night-by-night basis, here's what happened:

SATURDAY — We gave Howard Cosell's variety show at least a season. Wrong. It got only a half-season. A half-season call on "Matt Helm" was right, but wrong in the case of "Doc," which is getting a full year.

SUNDAY — "Swiss Family Robinson" got an out-by-January forecast. Wrong. The same call for "Family Holvak" was right, while a full-season prediction on "Three for the Road" was wrong. The jury is still out on "Bronk," which we predicted would die after one complete season.

MONDAY — We had "Barbary Coast" leaving quickly, which came true, likewise "The Invisible Man." We gave "Phyllis" only one season, but we won't really know until CBS' 1976-77 lineup is announced.

TUESDAY — The jury is still out on "Welcome back, Kotter," which we predicted will graduate to a second season. We were right in giving "Switch" at least a season and "Beacon Hill" only half a season. We said "Joe and Sons" would last as long as Jerry Stiller stayed in it, but CBS disagreed, axing the show after half a season.

We said "Joe Forrester" will get a second season, but the final word won't come until NBC's 1976-77 schedule is made public.

WEDNESDAY — We said "When Things Were Rotten" would get only one season. Wrong. It only got half that. We only gave "Starsky and Hutch" a half season, and were wrong about that, too. It's getting a full season.

Oh, well. At least the Forecast had two correct calls on "Kate McShane" and "Doctors' Hospital;" each got only a half-season.

THURSDAY — A second-season prediction for "On the Rocks" still awaits confirmation from ABC. NBC refused to confirm our full-season forecast for "Fay," and even axed it early in the season.

However, half-a-season forecasts for "The Montefuscos" and "Medical Story" were correct, as was a prediction of at least one full season for "Ellery Queen."

FRIDAY — We predicted "Mobile One" would roll off the air by mid-season and that was right. We gave "Big Eddie" a year, provided CBS let the star, Sheldon Leonard, operate more in the spirit of Damon Runyon in this series about Runyonesque characters.

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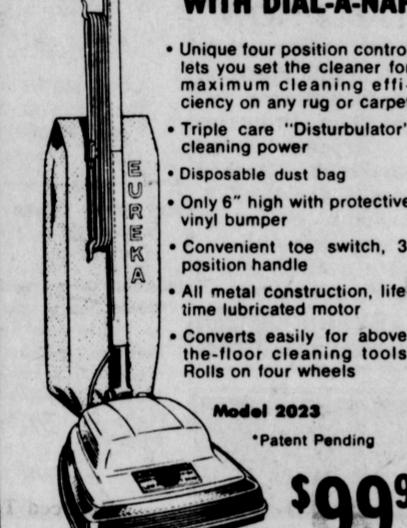
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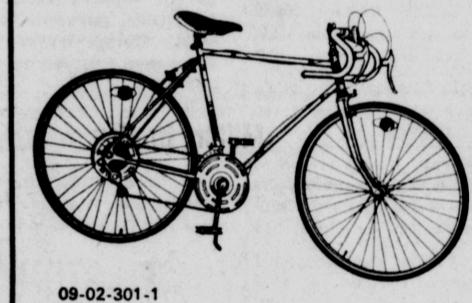
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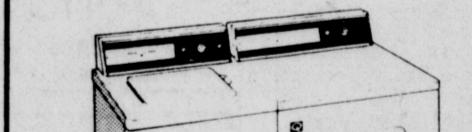
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ACROSS	1 — grapes	37	Quantity of printed matter	SAGA BEAST
5	Nuisance to belles	38	Pitcher	CLAN ALLWET
11	"Kubla Khan" river	39	Island or egg	ATTU SELENE
12	Form a thought	40	Just	MAH TIC ASA
13	Mature	1 Abraham's wife	DOWN	PRESENT TIM
14	Delivered, as a summons	2 Kind of oil	ROSS BILE	ROSS
15	Neronian "hail"	3 High levels	PICOT BONED	PICOT
16	Cravat fabric	4 Fluidity unit	ANON SLAG	ANON
17	Geological period	5 Lover of "company"	SHU AMERICA	SHU
18	Operetta composer	6 Well-trained	SAR RAT TAR	SAR
20	Arbor	7 Preachment (abbr.)	ELATER LONG	ELATER
21	Effortless	18	REGENT AUTO	REGENT
22	Beat it!	23	DELILAY ETON	DELILAY
23	Bunny's tail	24	Yesterday's Answer	ETON
24	Minnesota Fats forte	25	Be brought low (3 wds.)	12-18
25	Mort of the monologue	9	Unending	OPEN
26	Designate	10	Insect	PINKY'S
27	Wooden core	26	Be unsteady (2 wds.)	PIZZA
28	Augury	16	Janis —	12-18
31	— de tete	17	Unique	12-18
32	Devoured	19	Bengal singer	12-18
33	John or Jane	20	35 Rested	12-18
34	Drinking toast	22	Classify	12-18
36	New star	23	36 New (comb. form)	12-18
39		24	Biblical kingdom	12-18

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VXBE HNAWMTBI. VXNA XOA
FBBE VXB LIMWBAA QNVX ORR
MDI PIBOV VXNEGGBIA. — X

V. F D W G R B
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WITH THEM, TO WISH WAS TO HOPE, AND TO HOPE WAS TO EXPECT. — JANE AUSTEN

Speaking of Your Health...

Lester L. Coleman, M.D.

'Slipped Disk' Popular Complaint

I think that I have a slipped disk. Is a slipped disk the same as a herniated disk?

Miss G.L., Ore.

Dear Miss L.: My first suggestion is that you stop "thinking" that you have a slipped disk and waste no time in getting an examination by a doctor who will "know" the reason for your discomfort.

The phrase "slipped disk" has somehow become a popular complaint by people who suffer with low-back pain. And, as could be in your case, the self-diagnosis is a guess rather than fact.

A disk is a solid, yet elastic, tissue which lies in between all of the 33 bones of the vertebrae, from the neck to the tailbone (the coccyx).

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As the body moves, the disks protect the bony edges of the vertebrae bones from rubbing against each other.

Sometimes, after a sudden strain, or after lifting a heavy weight, a disk may be pushed out of its normal position. The same thing may happen as a result of long-standing poor posture or curvature of the spine.

This is referred to as a "slipped" disk or "herniated" disk.

The slipped disk can put so much pressure on the nerves leading from the spinal column that great pain can result. If the disk is in the upper portion of the vertebrae, the pain would be felt in neck and shoulders; if the

slipped disk is in the area of the lower back, the pain would then radiate from there.

Before a definite diagnosis of slipped disk is made, other conditions must be ruled out by the orthopedist (bone specialist) and the neurologist (nerve specialist).

Sometimes a special type of X-ray, the myelogram, is necessary to pinpoint the exact area of the spine responsible for the pain. Until the exact diagnosis is made, vigorous massage or manipulation should be avoided.

Treatment for slipped disk with traction stretches the vertebrae gently, taking the pressure off the disk until it returns to its proper position. Bed rest, special belts and medications are helpful, too.

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THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



"I wonder how come there are so many more people on earth in mid-December than the rest of the year?"

Barbadoes curbs Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — Barbados says it has asked Cuba to stop using the West Indies island as a refueling stop for aircraft carrying Cuban soldiers to Angola.

"Barbados ... does not countenance the use of its territory for purposes of interference in the internal affairs of Angola," said a statement by the Barbados Ministry of External Affairs quoted Wednesday in The Miami Herald.

"Accordingly, the government of Barbados has lodged a strong protest with the Cuban government requesting an immediate discontinuance of Barbados for this purpose."

The statement came a day after the Herald published a story reporting the refueling on the island nation, an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

Barbados is the easternmost of the Caribbean islands. It lies about 2,000 miles from Cuba and 4,000 miles from the African coast. Barbados has diplomatic relations with Cuba and the nations are linked by twice-weekly airline service.

In Washington, intelligence sources said the decision by Barbados may have been prompted by U.S. displeasure over the arrangement.

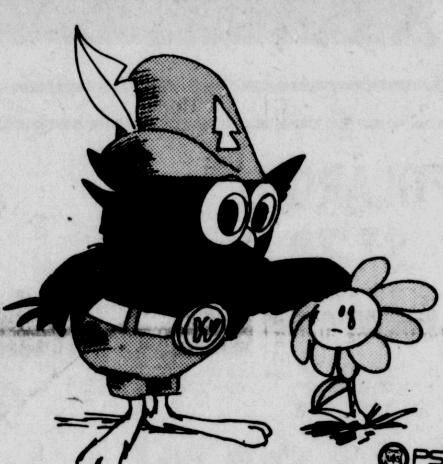
Industry-seeking trips scheduled

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gov. James A. Rhodes will lead an industrial development delegation on trips to Pennsylvania and Michigan next year.

The industry-seeking group will travel to Pittsburgh on Jan. 20 and Detroit on Feb. 24, state officials said.

The team will include representatives of utilities and transportation companies, chambers of commerce, the Society of Industrial Realtors, and nonprofit organizations as well as state employees.

Novelist Fannie Hurst was born in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1889.



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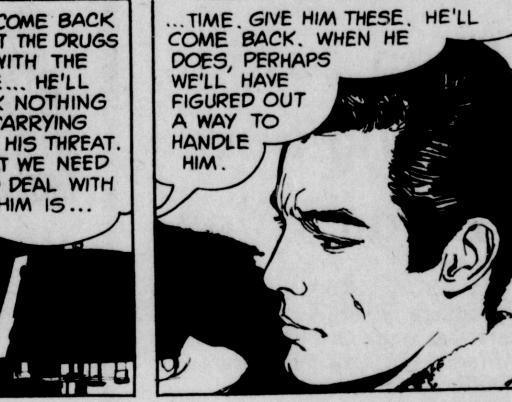
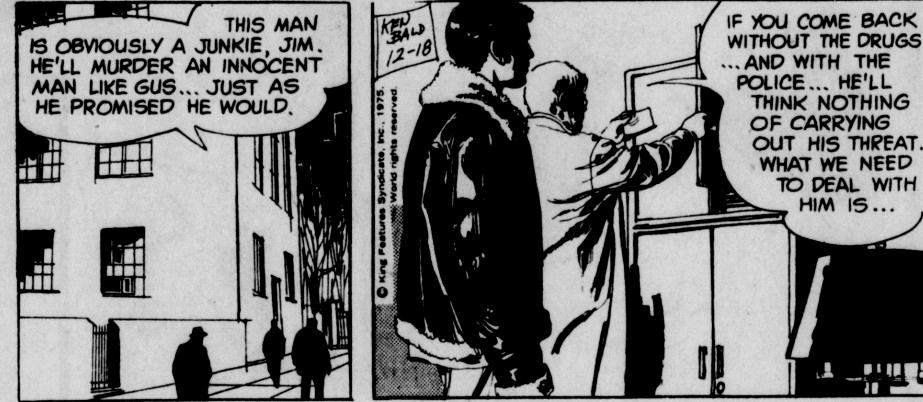
"Hey, here come Donald and Barry... look HUNGRY!"

HAZEL



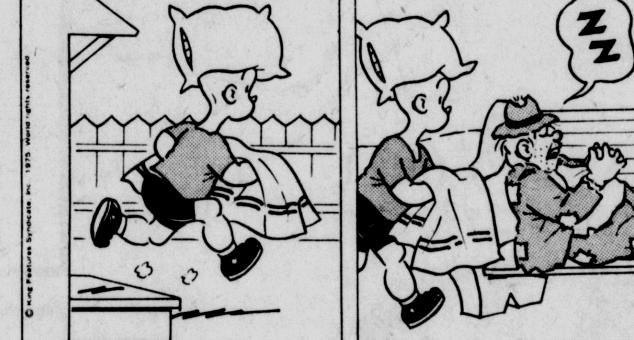
"Considered opening the flue?"

Dr. Kildare



By Ken Bald

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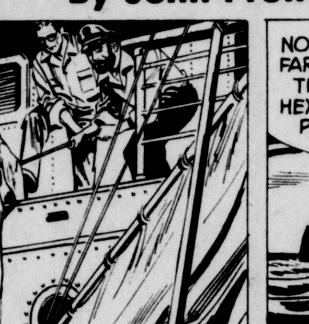
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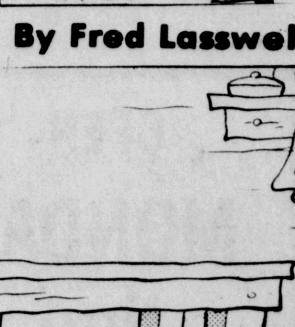
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SURE, IF YOU WANTED TO SCARE OFF A HIPPOPOTAMUS!

By Fred Lasswell

Snuffy Smith



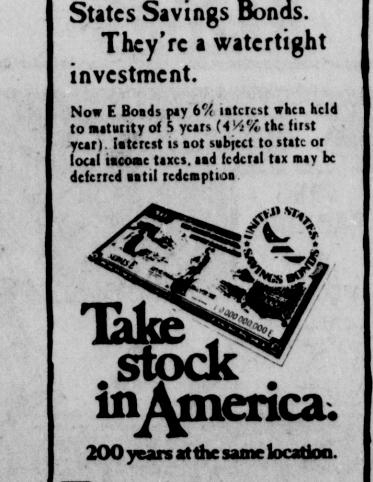
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Ohio Perspective

'Sunshine Law' proving expensive

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's new open meetings law is costing money that the legislature apparently didn't anticipate, says C. Luther Heckman, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. He wants some of the requirements changed.

Heckman says that since the first of December, PUCO has spent about \$1,600 to mail out notices and make telephone calls required in advance of its special and emergency meetings. It spent about \$400 in advance of each of four such meetings, he said, getting the word out to broadcast and newspaper outlets around the state.

Not only that, but Heckman said he is further troubled because no one has showed up at any of the four meetings, "except for a couple of lawyers who didn't even get the notices." He conceded his agency has more unannounced meetings than other agencies, due in most instances to energy and related problems that can change almost daily.

The chairman said he didn't want his complaints misconstrued. "The sunshine law is going to have a good result,

Food output being hurt by air rules

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Unrelenting pressure for clean air and clear water might lead to empty plates in America, an assistant secretary of agriculture has warned.

"We've done a pretty good job of reducing the amount of chemical dispersals in our streams and waters but at an enormous cost," said Robert W. Long, assistant secretary for conservation, research and education.

Restrictions on pesticides and chemical insecticides coupled with new regulations proposed by U.S. legislators could have a severe impact on agricultural production, he said.

"We're in the process now of cutting our own throats," Long said. "The price of environmental quality can be too high.... We have to tolerate a degree of risk."

Long also told a conference on U.S. food export policy at the Academy for Contemporary Problems that agricultural production in the United States and other food producing countries cannot indefinitely meet world food demands.

"We think we have about 8-10 years of grace," said Long.

But he contended that the general trends in agricultural production since 1968 have been substantially upward.

He cited an increase in net farm income from \$12.2 billion in 1968 to \$26.1 billion in 1974, calling it "a dramatic change."

Other conferees pointed out, however, that net farm income decreased substantially from 1973 to 1974 and that projections for 1975 are only about \$22 billion—about a \$4 billion decrease from 1974.

Ex-sheriff fights suit

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind. (AP) — Final arguments are scheduled for Jan. 30 in Whitley Circuit Court here in the taxpayers' suit against former Allen County Sheriff Robert A. Bender.

The 13-member Citizens Council on Human Relations of Fort Wayne has asked the court to force Bender to return about \$200,000. The council contends Bender illegally retained that amount in surplus funds for money allocated for prisoner meals from 1967-72.

Bender's defense is that he followed the State Board of Accounts procedures for all county sheriffs, and that his accounts were never questioned.

He served two terms as sheriff, stepping down last year. Bender's annual salary was \$15,070.

The case is being heard by Judge Edward Meyers.

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but we've got to get the bugs ironed out of it," he said.

He referred to language in the statute that requires public agencies to send out prior notice of meetings to news organizations and others who have requested them in advance. At least 24 hours' notice has to be given for a special meeting.

At the same time, Heckman said the statute lists exceptions under which closed meetings can be held for certain spelled-out purposes. An attorney gen-

eral's memo, sent out just before the law took effect Nov. 28, conceded that certain parts of the law are not clear, but said they should be interpreted "on the side of openness."

Giving the law a liberal interpretation, Heckman said, the commission sent out notices in advance of one meeting that was going to be closed anyway, for the purpose of discussing a pending court case (one of the exceptions).

"But giving it a liberal inter-

pretation, we decided we had to meet publicly first to announce that we were going to have a closed meeting," he said.

"There's going to have to be some amendments. The way it is now, there's a substantial cost, without much benefit," he contended.

The PUCO chairman said if the commission has to continue under its present arrangement, "it's going to be a \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year budget item. And nobody comes."

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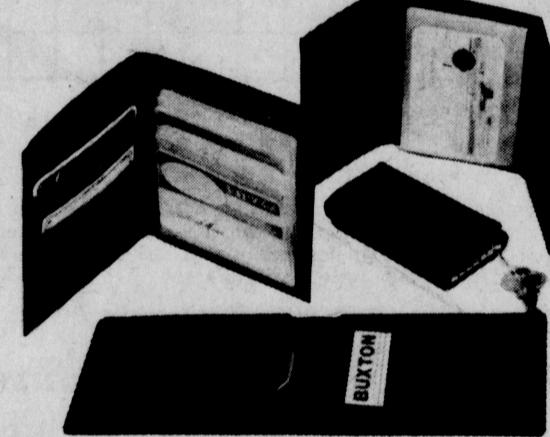
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